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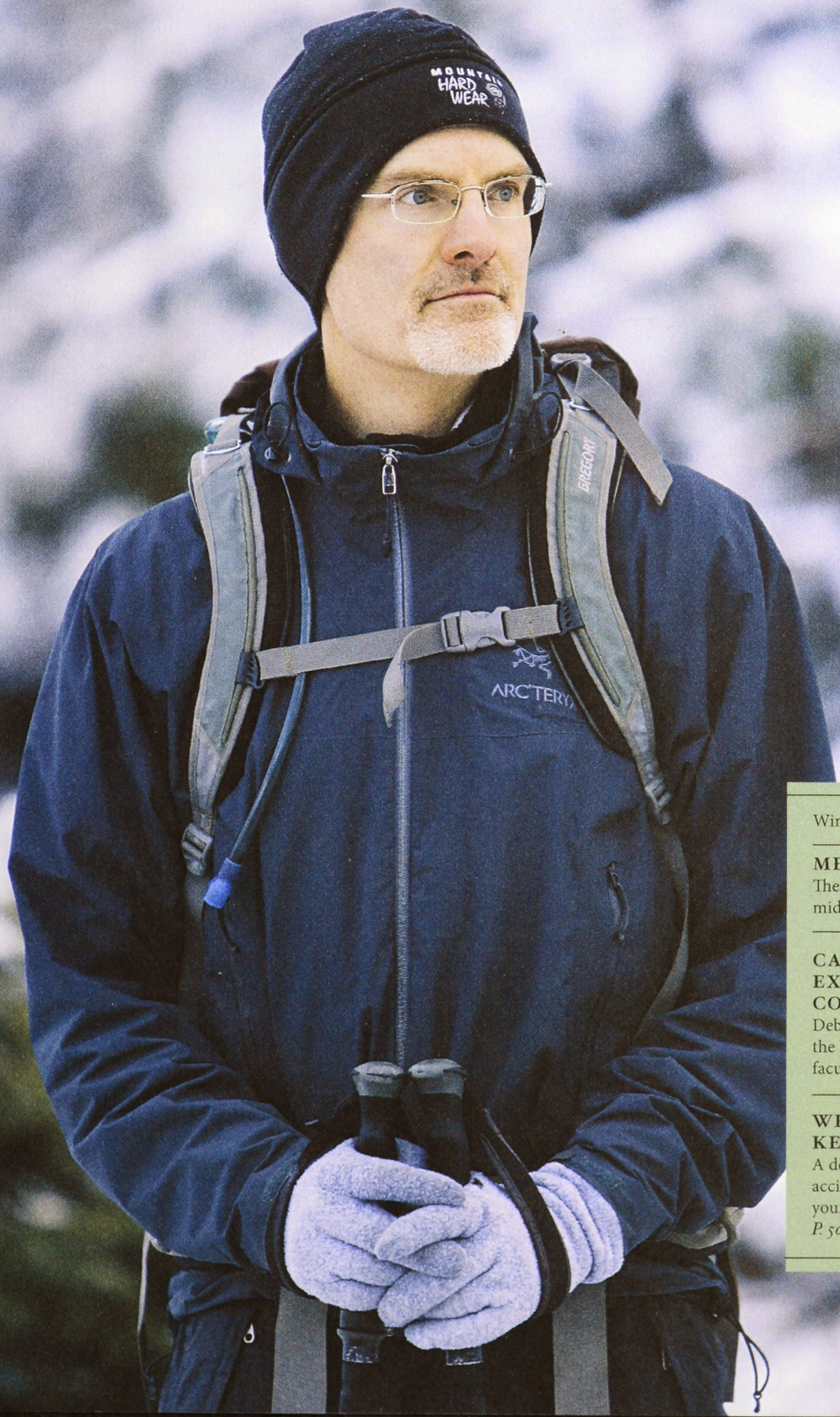

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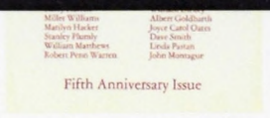

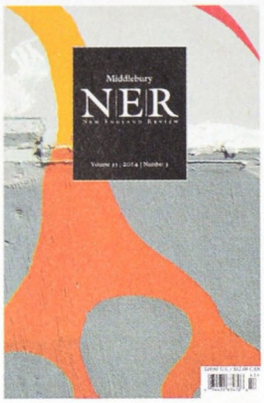

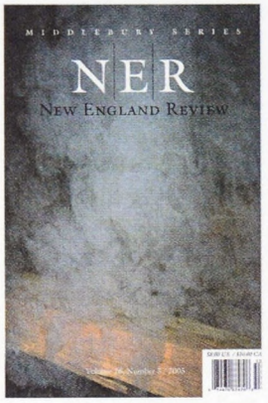

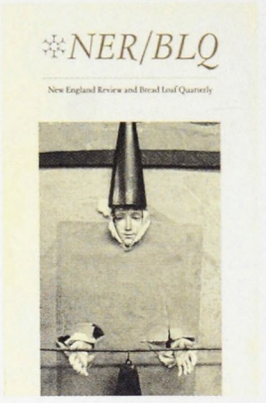

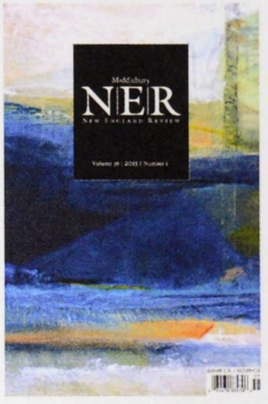

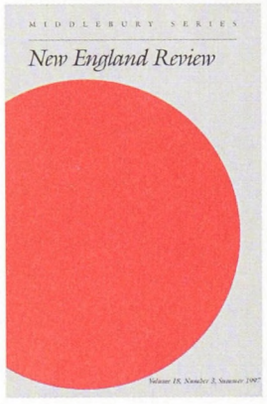

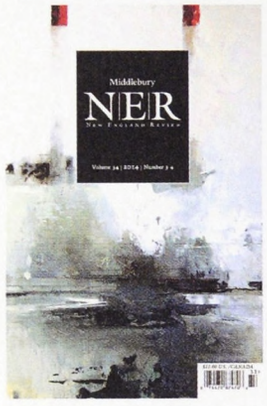

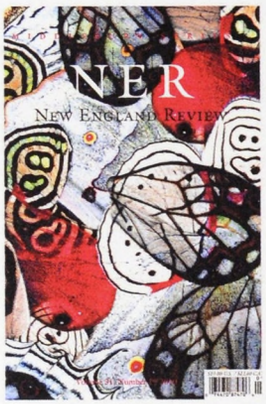

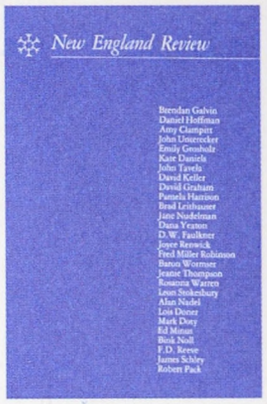

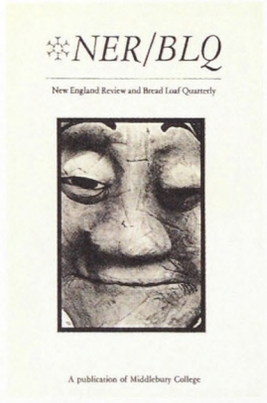

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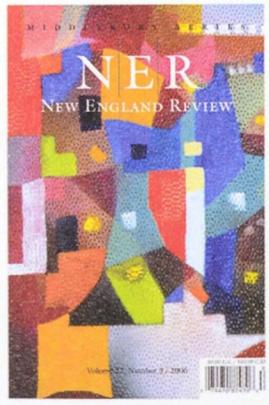

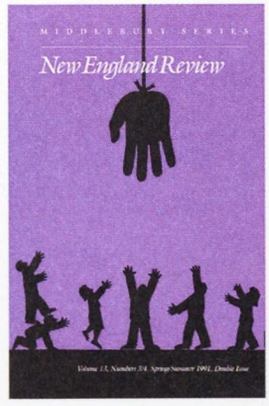

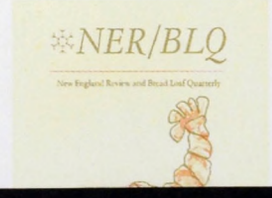

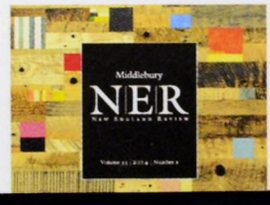

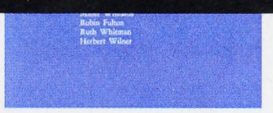

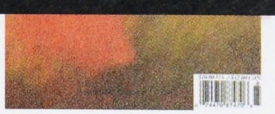

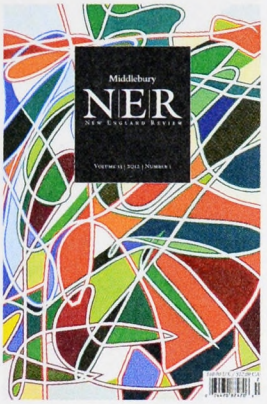

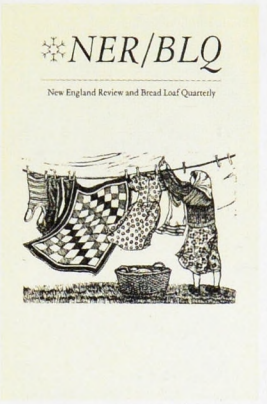

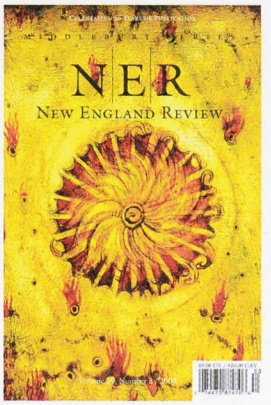

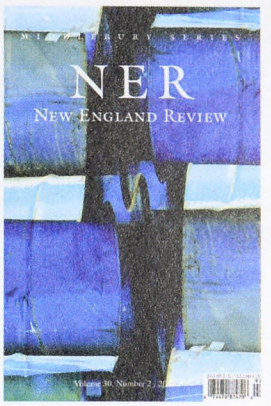

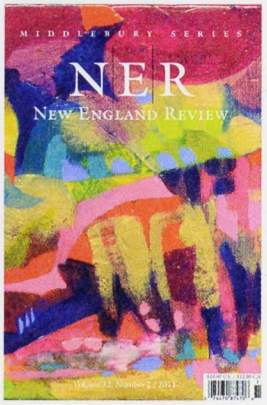

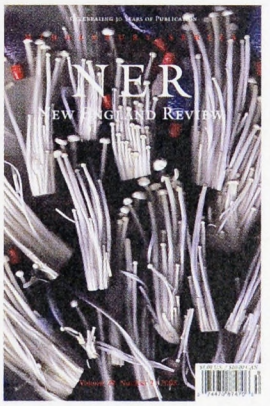

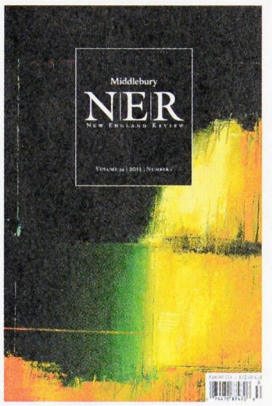

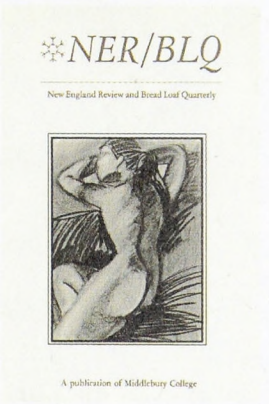

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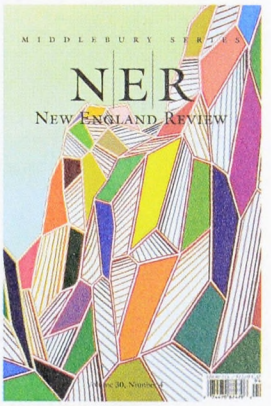
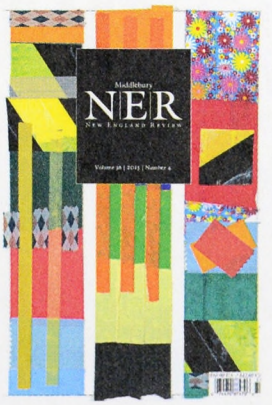
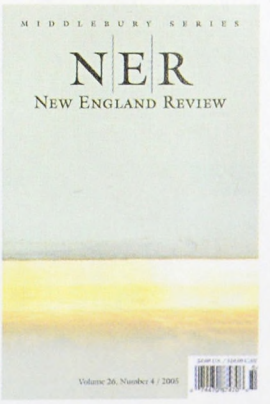
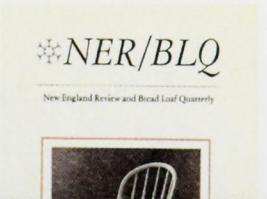
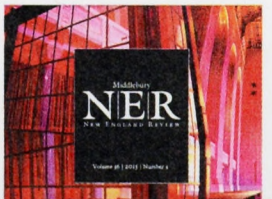


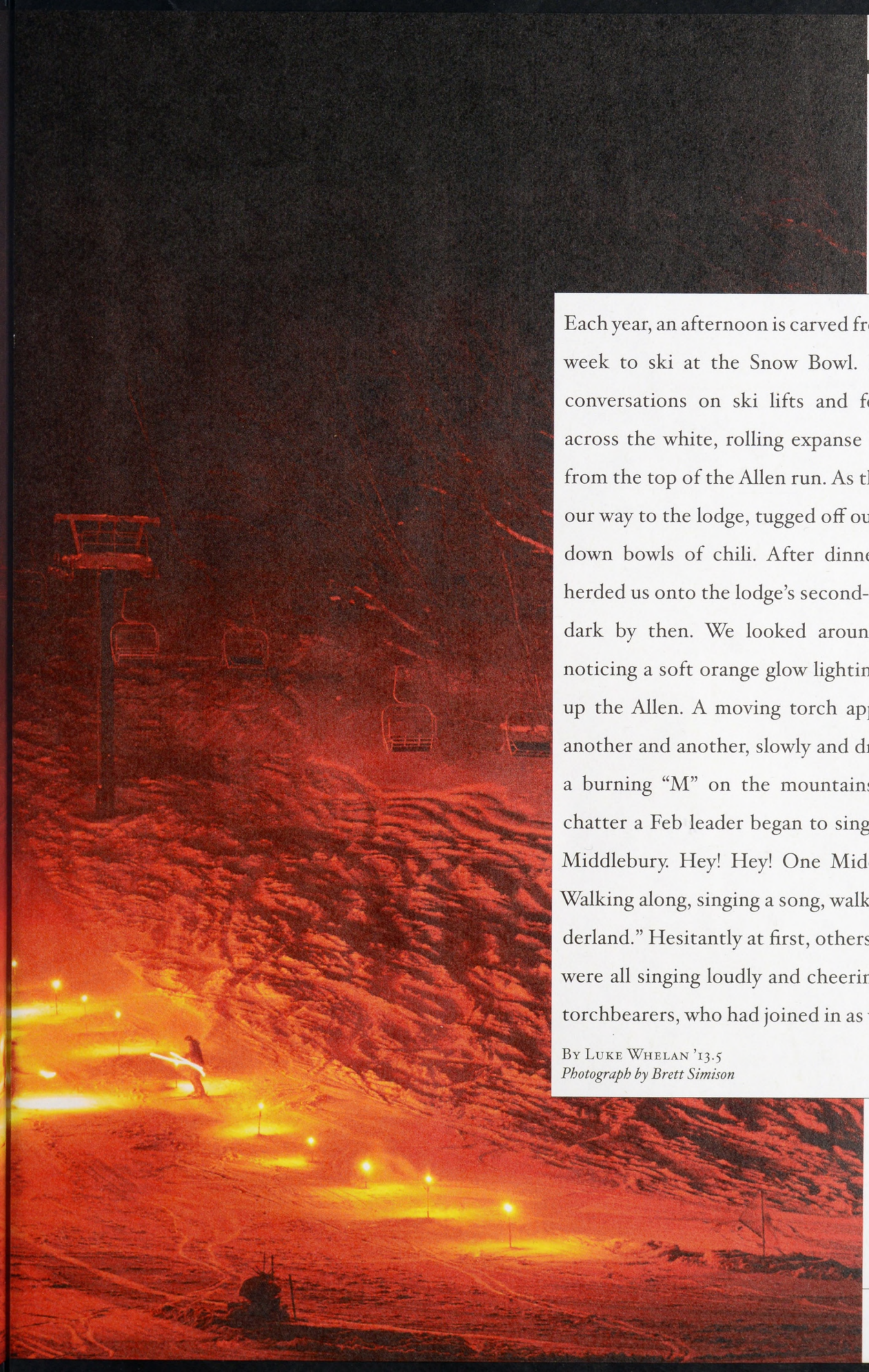








First-years matriculating in February are treated to a dinner at the Snow Bowl and a torchlight parade put on by the ski patrol.



Each year, an afternoon is carved from Feb Orientation week to ski at the Snow Bowl. I remember jittery conversations on ski lifts and feeling awe looking across the white, rolling expanse of Addison County from the top of the Allen run. As the sun set, we made our way to the lodge, tugged off our boots, and wolfed down bowls of chili. After dinner, our Feb leaders herded us onto the lodge's second-floor porch, the sky dark by then. We looked around confused before noticing a soft orange glow lighting the ridge halfway up the Allen. A moving torch appeared followed by another and another, slowly and dramatically forming a burning "M" on the mountainside. Amid excited chatter a Feb leader began to sing, "There's only one Middlebury. Hey! Hey! One Middlebury. Hey! Hey! Walking along, singing a song, walking in a winter wonderland." Hesitantly at first, others joined in. Then we were all singing loudly and cheering on the mountain torchbearers, who had joined in as well.

By Luke Whelan '13.5
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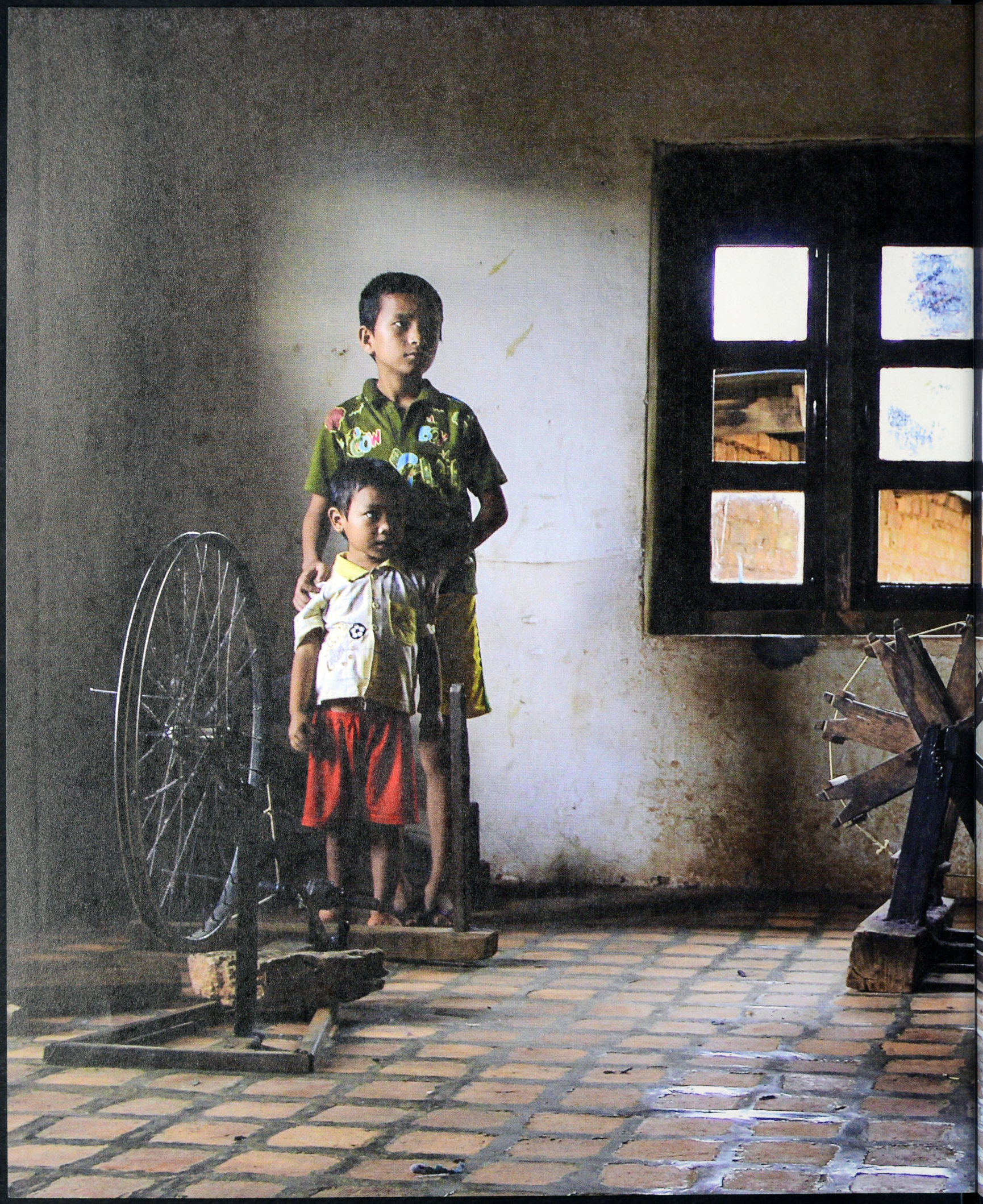

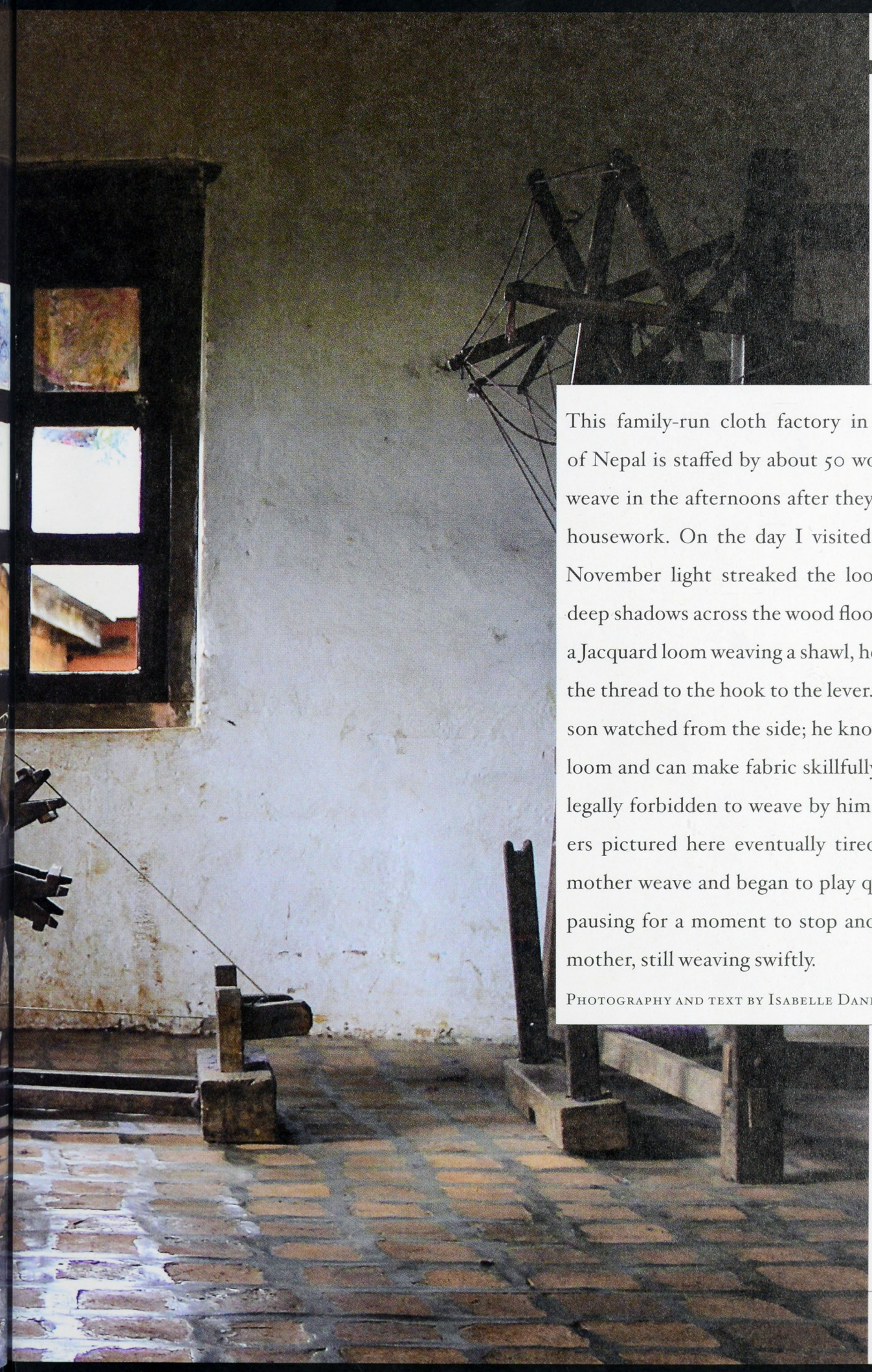

While studying abroad in Nepal, Isabelle Danforth Stillman '16 paid a visit to the Dhaka Cloth Factory in the town of Tansen.

This family-run cloth factory in the Palpa District of Nepal is staffed by about 50 women, who come to weave in the afternoons after they have finished their housework. On the day I visited, the midafternoon November light streaked the loom strings and cast deep shadows across the wood floor. One woman sat at a Jacquard loom weaving a shawl, her hands flying from the thread to the hook to the lever. Her seven-year-old son watched from the side; he knows how to work the loom and can make fabric skillfully and quickly, but is legally forbidden to weave by himself. The two brothers pictured here eventually tired of watching their mother weave and began to play quietly in the corner, pausing for a moment to stop and look back at their mother, still weaving swiftly.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND TEXT BY ISABELLE DANFORTH STILLMAN '16

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Changes in our campus cultures are reliably constant, but nowhere are the consequences more profound than in the transformation of attitudes towards diversity, or, more precisely, towards who is included as a member of the Middlebury community. ¶ Inclusivity on campus must not be understood as the attempted assimilation of difference into a singular campus culture (if for no other reason than no such monolithic culture exists). Rather, we must foster inclusivity through a willing engagement on all of our parts to approach the experience of encountering and relating to difference with compassion, empathy, and respect. ¶ All of our distinct affinity groups are crucial for the well-being of our souls and selves. But those same affinity groups must also give us the strength to stretch and understand who we are in ways that take us outside of ourselves and challenge us to take on our unique roles in maintaining the health of our college community.

By Roberto Lint Sagarena, associate professor of American studies
Photograph by Brett Simison

Roberto Lint Sagarena, an associate professor of American studies, directs the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Anderson Freeman Resource Center.

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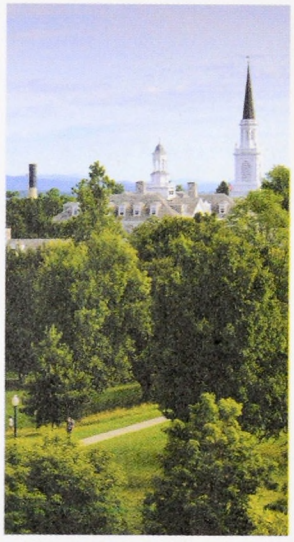

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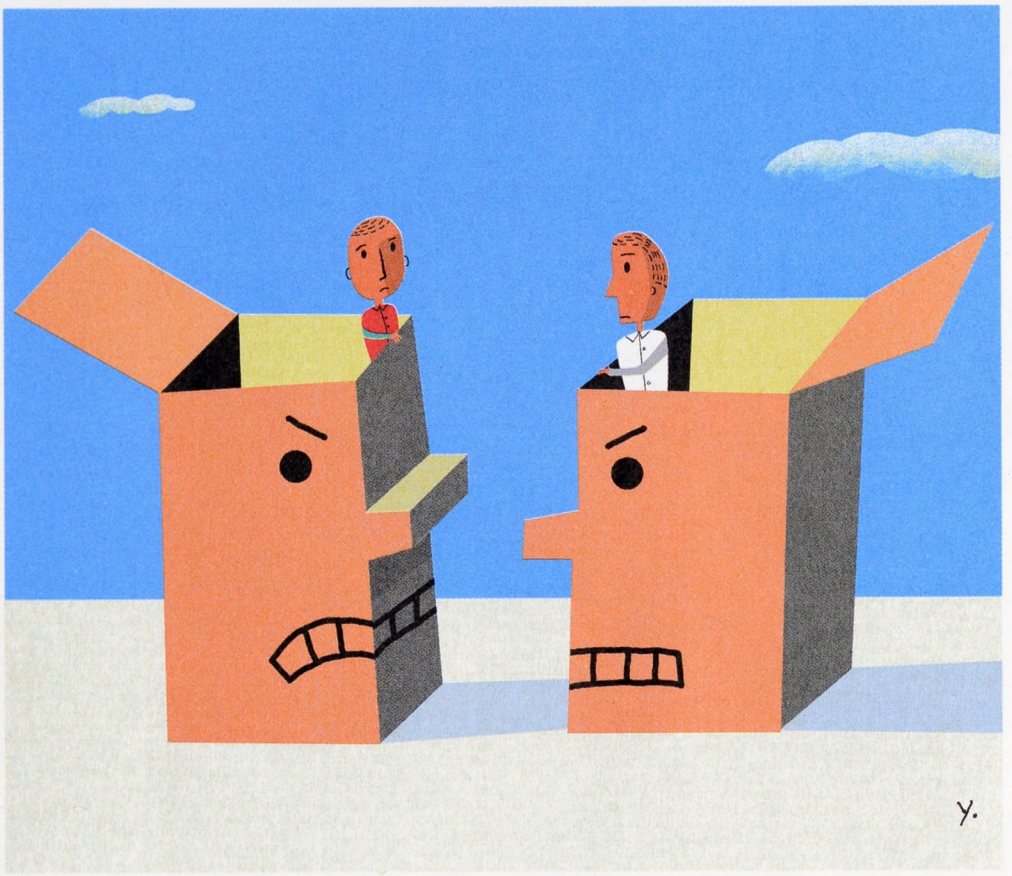

Uncloaked

ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH a campus discussion on cultural appropriation and community standards (see p. 27), students, when given the microphone, began by introducing themselves.

Hi, I'm Annie. Hello, I'm Victor. Hi, I'm Peter.

At first I thought folks were being polite, demonstrating that while we're a small campus, it's not safe to assume everyone knows everyone else. However, it was during the third introduction—made by Peter, I believe—that motive became more fully articulated.

I'm glad we're identifying ourselves by name before offering our opinions, he said. *It's the antithesis of the anonymous statements we're seeing on Yik Yak.*

Yik Yak is a social media app, popular with students, that allows users to post their thoughts anonymously. Much of the discourse consists of sophomoric humor, short queries—Is the Grille delivering right now?—and lighthearted complaints. On occasion, someone voices a genuine plea for help and receives responses just as genuine. Several times I've read of people expressing emotional anguish and their peers offering near-immediate assistance, which is comforting. But then there is the nastiness—the personal attacks uttered from beneath a cloak of anonymity against individuals and groups. By intent, these remarks inflict pain and fear on those at whom they are directed. And it has the more global effect of tearing apart the trust and respect that holds a community together.

In our fall issue, Dena Simmons '05 wrote beautifully about race and our shared humanity. Near the piece's conclusion, she challenged us to "be compassionate...to be open to other experiences...to learn to accept others and ourselves for everything we are—and everything we are not." That begins when we hold ourselves to account. That begins when we respectfully and accountably exchange our views.

My name is Matt. Please join me in this conversation.

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Vibrant Research at a Liberal Arts Institution

By Laurie L. Patton

One of education's great aims is to help students see beyond a world of black-and-white and to perceive and be comfortable with the various shades of gray surrounding us. We teach our students to consider ambiguities in scientific, historical, moral, and many other forms of reasoning; in artistic critique; in the digital worlds we all now inhabit.

And yet, ironically, we still encounter black-and-white perceptions within the world of higher education. One particularly tenacious perception is the difference between the aims of a liberal arts institution and those of a research university. I spoke to a prominent foundation leader who had recently led a meeting between faculty and administrators from liberal arts colleges and research universities, and he said, "Despite their good intentions, everyone still stereotyped the other side, and we at the foundation still had to interpret each side to the other."

These stereotypes he referred to are ones we encounter all the time: liberal arts colleges are only about teaching and universities are only about research. Universities are supposedly filled with professors who have little time for their undergraduates' needs. Professors divide their attention between their graduate students and their research—with the classroom a distant third in their priorities. Liberal arts professors, on the other hand, supposedly spend all their time teaching and never think about research. They seldom look up from their pedagogical tasks to engage the outside world, and they're not committed to intellectual inquiry except as character formation for the young.

But counterevidence of these stereotypes exists all around us. Universities house extraordinary teachers who frequently are also top researchers in their fields. And, as you will read in this issue of *Middlebury Magazine*, liberal arts colleges have extraordinary researchers active in their fields and pushing the boundaries of knowledge in exciting ways. Nowhere is this more true than at Middlebury College.

Indeed, I believe liberal arts colleges have the potential to rethink and reclaim some of the original purposes of research. So many researchers I have known in higher education—no matter the institutional context—have said to me, "What I really wish I could work on is *this* question, not the question I know will be funded or the question the current trends in the field suggest I ask."

Because research foundations don't drive the funding structure of liberal arts colleges, researchers in liberal arts often can work on research without being burdened by its "fundability." They're not constrained by intellectual fashions, nor the ability of their inquiries to fulfill the common good. While all institutions have to pay attention to questions of funding, larger intellectual contexts, and peer review, liberal arts institutions exist in a space that encourages independence from trends—and thus, creativity.

In addition, because we often exist in smaller, more intense communities of inquiry, we have opportunities to think about and conduct interdisciplinary research in exciting ways. And because we work in closer proximity to other disciplines than do our peers in research universities, we're generally much more interdisciplinary in our classrooms—something we can take advantage of in our research as well.

Finally, the research we conduct can be more responsive to the questions of local concerns. It's no accident that alumni, students, and townspeople collaborated on the hydrogen-powered tractor created one winter term. Nor is it an accident that the levels of toxicity in our region's lake water concern students in our School of the Environment and our science classes. And it's no accident that some of our classics professors teach students to research the ancient world in part by bringing them to the Vermont legislature to see the continuity of certain democratic traditions.

Research can and should be a vibrant part of our lives in an institution like Middlebury College. What's more, Middlebury can be a place for a different kind of research that inspires colleagues at different kinds of institutions in higher education—and that breaks stereotypes along the way. M

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Talk

FEATURED CONTRIBUTORS

Dick Anderson ("The Chaplain") has written a number of Pursuits profiles for this magazine, and in a strange coincidence, the last three have involved subjects named Dan. In this issue, Dick catches up with Dan Curtis '87, a chaplain in the United States Navy. Not to be pigeonholed, Dick already has another assignment for a future issue, a profile of a Hollywood advertising exec, whose name is Nick.

Sarah Tuff Dunn '95 ("What It Means to Be Kelly Brush") is a health, fitness, nutrition, travel, and adventure writer based in Shelburne, Vermont. A lifelong skier and athlete, she says that profiling Kelly Brush '08 for this issue was the assignment of a lifetime. "Keeping up with the Brush family required all of the tools in my reporter's box," she says, "including a good set of lungs to maintain pace with the über-active couple and a good box of tissues to keep my own tears at bay."

Erin Little ("What It Means to Be Kelly Brush") is a photographer based in Portland, Maine. She says that her "ability to capture spontaneous and natural moments allows her to offer quality lifestyle images." We couldn't agree more—the evidence can be found on pages 50 and 53. One of her personal projects is a series called "50 Shades," in which she is attempting to document the aging process. It's worth checking out—as is the rest of her work, which can be found at erinlittleportfolio.com.

Kirsten Ulve ("J-Term Agenda") is an illustrator and designer, contributing work to the likes of *Entertainment Weekly*, the *New Yorker*, and *Glamour*, as well as corporate clients such as Hasbro, Target, and Volvo. She lives in Manhattan with her husband and two black kittens, Romulus and Remus. Yes, Romulus and Remus, names that warm our hearts a little and, no doubt, endear Kirsten with the classics department.

David Wolman '96 ("Can a Place Like Aspen Go Green?") is a contributing editor at *Wired* and *Matter* and the author of several books, the most recent being *The End of Money*. He's also written for the *New York Times*, the *New Yorker*, *Outside*, *Nature*, as well as this magazine. He's been a finalist for a National Magazine Award for reporting and he's served as a Fulbright Fellow in journalism and an Oregon Arts Commission Fellow. He's also an all-around swell guy.

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nd, most recently, Sandra Bland and Sam Dubose.
ask myself: If they were not Black, would they still be alive today?
I were in their exact situation, would my name be on that list?
fould yours?
hese are important questions to consider because they require us to
ect on the role of race in our society. For generations we have lived in
ciety built upon the interests of white individuals and the belief that
te people are dominant and normative. The Reverend Dr. Martin
her King spoke of the arc of the moral universe. He said it is long,
it bends towards justice. And while we, as a nation, have made strides
e King's assassination, some days that arc seems longer than ever.
ven with the election of our nation's first Black president, the war
nst Blackness is alive and well. Events in Baltimore, Staten Island,
pson, Charleston, and Cincinnati have highlighted this. As an educa-
researcher, and activist, I think about how people, especially young
ple, are digesting these events. I think ceaselessly about Black youth
young people of color learning about themselves, about their lives,
ry consume narratives of violence every day—living this violence the
e way I did as a child in the Bronx—through police brutality, poverty,
trification, and systemic injustice. They learn very early that their
ilihood is suspicious and terrifying. They are constantly on the verge
ecoming Aiyanna Stanley-Jones or Tamir Rice.
nd this terrifies me.
ther Middlebury when I taught middle school students in the Bronx,
uld use statistics to engage my students in conversations about race
activism. A 2014 study by the Civil Rights Division of the United
es Department of Education revealed that Black students are un-
ded and expelled at a rate three times greater than white students.
lirtionally, multiple studies have found that Black students receive
ther punishments than their white peers for the same infractions.
his continues into adulthood. Black people comprise nearly half
he 2.3 million incarcerated Americans, and they are incarcerated at
rly six times the rate of white people.
would look at my beautiful, curious students, and I would want to
m those statistics.
While I could not control the chaos of my students' lives—the in-
ility of their homes, the uncertainty of their next meal, the loud
phbors that kept them from sleep—I provided them with a safe and
ng classroom where they could not only learn but thrive. I taught
m necessary survival skills like code switching, writing and speaking
uasively, and understanding how data and media can be manipulated.
he school where I taught—with its overcrowded classrooms, rodent
station, lack of textbooks, overworked and sometimes disengaged
hers, and prisonlike school safety guards—sent children the message
their dreams could only live within the school's metal window gates.
took them out of those gates. We went on class trips to museums
libraries. We walked the campus at Columbia, where I earned my
torate. And we traveled north to Vermont, to my dear Middlebury.
ause I wanted my students to know they deserved space at our na-
's finest institutions.
taught my students how to create meaningful actions to challenge and
nge the problematic systems that they inhabit. And I equipped them
love, kindness, and acceptance so they could mediate the violence
ny of them were already experiencing. I showed my students they
tered despite everything else in their lives telling them otherwise.
lowered the phone when they called. I listened when they needed
someone to listen. I stayed after school when they were confused by
something I had taught earlier. And I told them I loved them every
opportunity I had. I also taught my students how to seek support and
advocate for themselves—and for others. I included their narratives and
stories into my lessons so they could learn to value and love themselves,
so they could feel proud of who they were, and so they wouldn't have to
endure the trauma of erasing themselves as I did.
But this wasn't enough. I continued to fear for my students' lives at
home and in school. And this fear is what motivates my life's trajectory
to ensure safety for all. It is the reason I researched teachers' preparedness to confront bullying during my doctoral studies. It is why I now
travel the country and world to equip adults and youth with the skills
of emotional intelligence. It's why I'm writing this essay.
My success does not demonstrate what Black folks can achieve. It's a
reminder of what is kept from us. And I have to own the many privileges
I have that allow me to tell my own story and speak up against a system
that benefits me.
I am a light-skinned Black woman, which means my Blackness is
preferred over the Blackness of my darker-skinned sisters and brothers.
I have greater proximity to whiteness, to the acceptable standards of
beauty. I've also been granted access to prestigious networks of power
through attending and working at some of the nation's elite secondary
schools and universities. However, I still do not have the privilege to walk
in the world without fear for my safety. I am *still* Black. I'm still more
likely to be subject to the structural violence of dilapidated neighborhoods, subpar health care, failing schools, over-policing, and—worse—the
insidious brainwashing that manipulates Black people into hating and
devaluing our own existence.
Even in this highly racialized environment, however, there's room for
healing and growth. I strive to do work that empowers others to realize
their value and potential and to fight for justice. However, the work
should not rest only on the shoulders of people of color. This work for
racial justice is all of our work. It's a collective struggle for our shared
humanity. Racial equity is a national imperative that requires purging our
hate of Blackness and revising the way our country functions.
We cannot shift our current state of affairs if we shy away from painful
and difficult discourse about racial injustice. These conversations have
the potential to enlighten us so we can prevent doing inadvertent harm
through ignorance and implicit bias—so we can *truly* see each other, and
so we can begin to heal.
We cannot afford to walk away, to turn off our screens, and to carry
on with our comfortable lives. None of us, especially those in power,
have the right to be comfortable. It's through discomfort we learn and
transform most. Questioning, challenging, and curbing racial injustices
is everyone's job.
All of us must be compassionate. We must be open to other experiences, and we must learn to accept others and ourselves for everything
we are—and everything we are not. We must fight for ourselves and for
each other. And we must begin to shift the violent course of history to
one of peace, love, and mutual understanding. I have faith in us. What
I ask is simple: for Black lives to be seen, to be acknowledged as human,
to be treated with dignity. Our shared humanity depends on this. ☐

Dena Simmons '05 is the director of implementation at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. She writes for Bright, which can be found at medium.com/bright and is a veteran of the TED talk circuit. Her TEDx talks titled "Its 10:00 p.m. Do You Know Where Your Children Are?" and "What Do You Do If a Student Comes At You With Scissors?" are available on YouTube. In November, she is speaking at TED Talks Live in New York.

THANK YOU, DENA

Rarely have I read an essay like Dena Simmons's "We Cannot Afford to Walk Away" (fall 2015) that is so accessible and so uncomfortable at the same time—the film *Precious* also comes to mind.

I did not "enjoy" either Simmons's essay or that film, but the invitation in each to reconsider assumptions, including (especially!) the assumption that whatever is out of our/my awareness is either okay or does not matter, is stunning, and for that Simmons has my deepest respect and appreciation.

I want to thank her for inviting me and many others into the conversation, recognizing that this dialogue cannot and should not always be initiated by those closest to the oppressed, and that the conversation needs to evolve into what might actually make a difference (such as what she does) for the many who are not okay and who do, in fact, matter greatly.

—David Minot '74, *Commenting on middmag.com*

MOTIVATING EDUCATORS

I want to thank Dena Simmons for her thoughtful and inspirational essay. I taught for 21 years at a private school in New York City that was founded on the belief that there is no learning without feelings and that learning is based on relationships.

Teachers who embrace this philosophy can change a class climate for the better and influence students for a lifetime. Simmons's heartfelt and authentic words are powerful motivators for educators to begin to share ideas and information with one another, so that our children can benefit from an adult society that truly cares.

—Marie Helene Lane, MA English '89
Commenting on middmag.com

A TIMELY REMINDER

Not long ago, I had a conversation with a colleague who is not yet ready to be discomforted, yet is baffled at her lack of engagement with people of color. The essay "We Cannot Afford to Walk Away" and Simmons's call to "This work for racial justice [which] is all of our work: [the] collective struggle for our shared humanity," is exactly what I needed to be reminded of.

—Gail Koehler, *Commenting on middmag.com*

DENA'S EQ

Dena Simmons's emotional intelligence is overwhelming, inspirational, and downright sexy.

—Ashleigh Robertson (@ashleighdiane86), *Commenting on Twitter*

A MODEL FOR US ALL

I greatly appreciated both Dena Simmons's essay and the courage she makes visible within such an alienating and dangerous world. She is a model for all of us.

Truly, as we are all interdependent, we need to expand our definition of neighbor to include all human beings. Within such, we need to stand

tall in unity while celebrating—and learning from—diversity. Within this model, we may actually learn to follow the Christian second commandment: 'to love thy neighbor as thyself' and our world may have a chance of survival.
—Elizabeth Long, *Commenting on middmag.com*

A MUST READ

"We Cannot Afford to Walk Away" is a must-read for all educators, as @DenaSimmons reflects on the impact of race in her life.
—Greg Curran (@GregBCurran), *Commenting on Twitter*

THE LONG STRUGGLE

More than 50 years ago, I was walking with my three-year-old son when we encountered an elderly African American man on a sidewalk in Burlington. My son had only recently seen his first black person, and, being a curious child, he stared at the man, who stopped beside us and looked kindly into my son's eyes.

The man put out his hand and said, "Touch it, it is okay. It is just the same as yours, just a different color." And this was more than 50 years ago.

How do we further the discourse that Ms. Simmons rightfully calls for? Perhaps it would help having discussion groups at libraries; yes, this could be done online, but I like the personal connections, being with people, feeling their presence and sensing their inner selves. I'm a product of a racist culture—How do I recognize my part? How can I change it?
—Ruth Hamilton, *Commenting on middmag.com*

RESONANT WORDS

I finally got to read the essay by @DenaSimmons in the fall @Middlebury alumni magazine. Her words resonated with me on so many levels.
—Janelle Charles, MA French '14 (@jesuisjanellee), *Commenting on Twitter*

KNOWING ONE'S OWN SELF

Dena Simmons's essay is both riveting and compelling. I, too, work with organizations and individuals using my training in emotional intelligence and my business experience in diverse settings.

However, no training surpasses self-study, which can be a very painful endeavor at times. I've found that using that understanding, as Simmons did in her essay, to make myself vulnerable in the presence of others, I can then open their hearts and provide a path to their own self-understanding.
—Randy Rowland '70, *Commenting on middmag.com*

PROUD ALUM

So impressed by fellow #middkid @denasimmons and her emerging voice.
—Leilani McClellan Brown '93 (@leilanimarkets), *Commenting on Twitter*

RESONATING FROM COAST TO COAST

Not long ago, Dena Simmons's essay spoke to the heart of my daughter, a middle school language arts teacher in "Deep East" Oakland, California, a community beset by the problems that Dena lived with in her upbringing and experienced in her teaching.

Like Dena, my daughter works every day to help her students be their best selves, to value their experiences, and to find a path forward in spite of racism and violence. I find her perseverance in this work, using education as a tool of social justice in urban communities of color, to be remarkable. She has often felt lonely in this commitment and conscious of the barriers she faces. I am inordinately proud of her and inordinately grateful to Simmons for articulating these dilemmas so eloquently. Thank you.
—Ellen Grunblatt '72, *Commenting on middmag.com*

A FANTASTIC ISSUE

I found the fall issue of *Middlebury Magazine* to be especially compelling. In addition to the always enjoyable class notes, I was drawn to each and every feature story: "The Life and Times of Rick Hodes," "We Cannot Afford to Walk Away," and "A Tale of Two Writers." They were all interesting, well written, and make me proud of our school heritage.

I am somewhat ashamed to admit that it may be the only time in more than 50 years that I have read almost everything in an issue. My thanks to the magazine staff.
—Maxine Vought Hoen '57, Owings Mills, Maryland

RICK HODES IS MY DOCTOR

I am a patient of Doctor Rick Hodes ("The Life and Times of Rick Hodes," fall 2015), and because of him, I am living a better life.

Rick Hodes saved me; I pray daily that God

Mail Bag Dena Simmons's essay "We Cannot Afford to Walk Away"—a meditation on race, equality, and humanity—generated our biggest reader response in years. We print many opinions here; more can be found on middmag.com. And we hope this is just the beginning of a discussion that is as timely as it is important.

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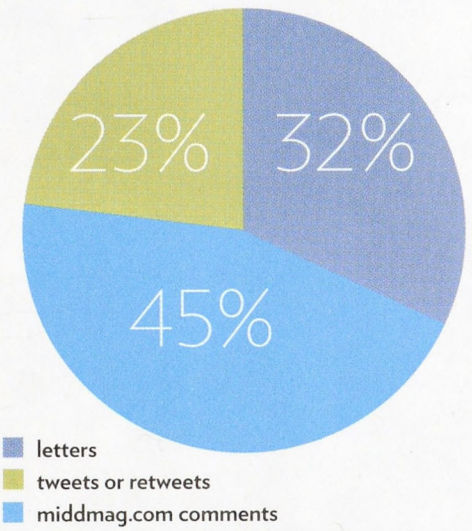

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PERCENTAGE OF LETTERS ABOUT "WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WALK AWAY" THAT CONVEYED THE SENTIMENT "THANK YOU."

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LETTER FROM A PATIENT OF DR. RICK HODES '75 ("THE LIFE AND TIMES OF RICK HODES").

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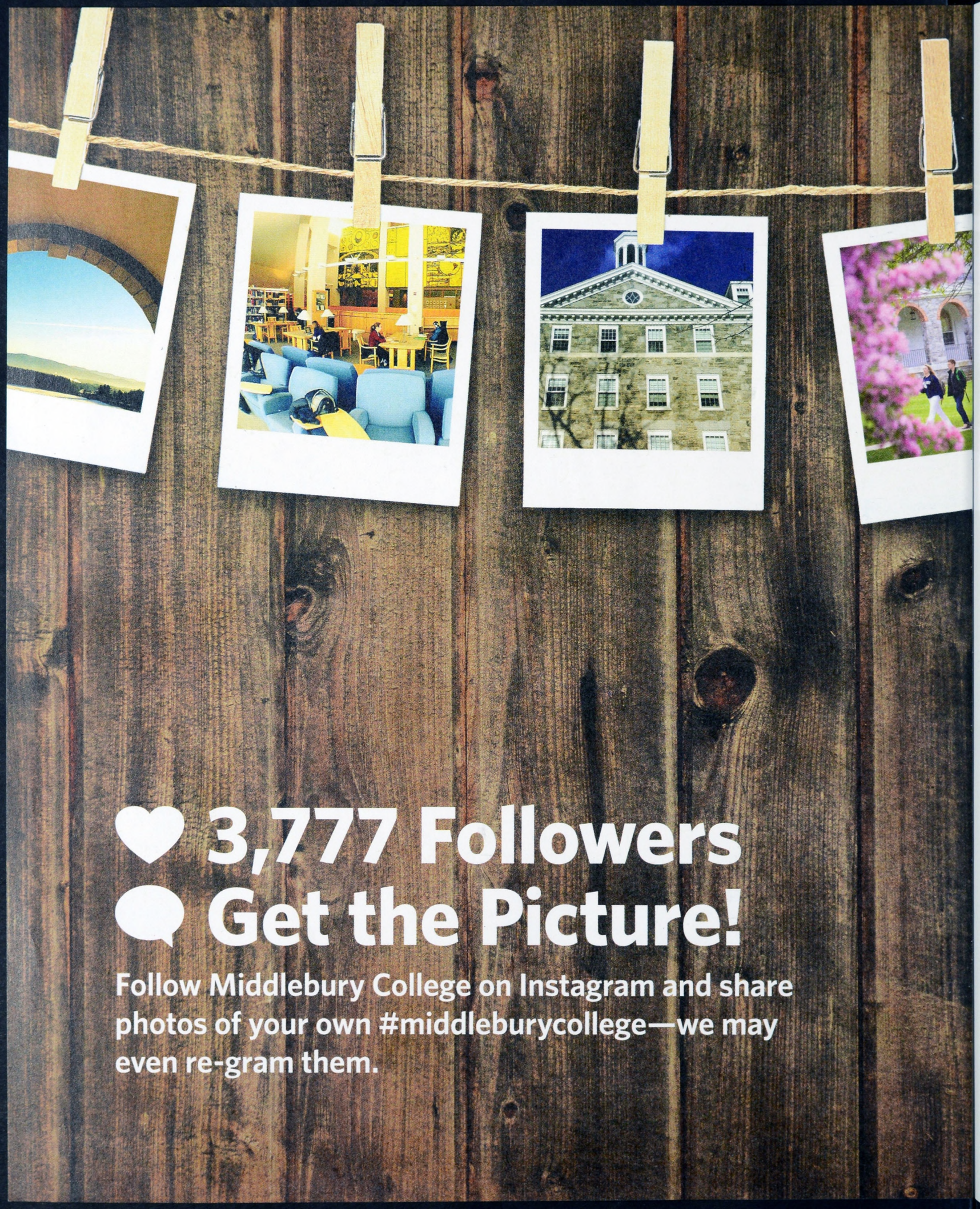
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gives him a long and healthy life, because Doctor Hodes is an angel sent to this Earth to help poor people like me.

Finally, I want to thank *Middlebury Magazine* for sharing with the world the story of my doctor and my hero.

—Befekadu Gebeyehu, *Commenting on middmag.com*

HODES IN 1975

Not long ago, I had a vivid memory of taking Rick Hodes '75 to visit my family's cabins in Talkeetna, Alaska, soon after we graduated from Middlebury.

Though I don't remember all of the details, perhaps his conversations with my physician parents might have had some influence on him deciding to pursue medical studies in Alaska. I'm honored to have known Rick and wish him all success in his endeavors.

—Chris Tower Zafren '75, *Commenting on middmag.com*

LET'S NOT FORGET POLITICAL DIVERSITY

In the excerpt of her inaugural address ("Inaugural Thoughts," fall 2015), President Patton expressed a desire to initiate her presidency with arguments about Middlebury's fundamental values. Diversity ranks among the most prominent of these values, and her eagerness to tackle it does President Patton credit. As she and her administration begin to grapple with this weighty question, I urge them to consider not only the conventional forms of diversity—race, ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation—but also political diversity.

Although most Middlebury students share a liberal political outlook, those views are not universal. The (generally laudable) passion with which Middlebury students proclaim their political stances has in recent years produced a political atmosphere that stifles minority opinions. Students in the majority dismiss alternative views without even considering that others might reasonably disagree, squashing debate before it can begin. Those who dare to speak out face ridicule, slander, and ostracism—hardly an atmosphere conducive to the frank discussion necessary for progress on any issue, theoretical or political.

Such political intolerance strikes a dissonant note in Middlebury's otherwise open and accepting culture and undermines intellectual growth.

In her pursuit of good arguments, I encourage President Patton to promote civil political discourse—and a concomitant acceptance of dissent—as a dimensions of diversity that typifies the truly liberal liberal arts college.

—Lauren Vollmer '10, *Cambridge, Massachusetts*

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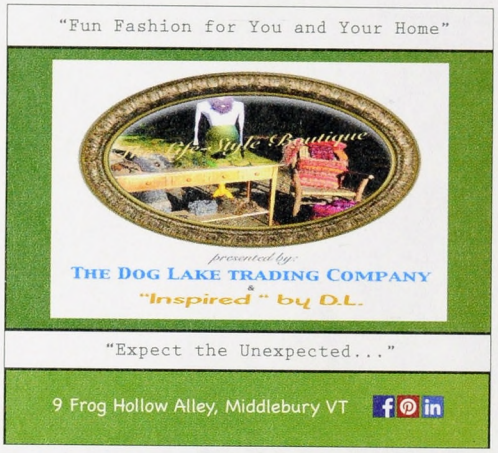
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CAPTURING VIDAL

Gore Vidal's historical novels were well grounded, his political commentary was searching and spot on without kissing up to anyone, and his public persona was unfailingly refreshing thanks to Vidal's candor. I'm pleased to learn that all of these characteristics of the writer and public intellectual appear to be a part of Jay Parini's sympathetic telling of Vidal's remarkable story.
—Robert Hundley, *Commenting on middmag.com*

THE EFF WORD

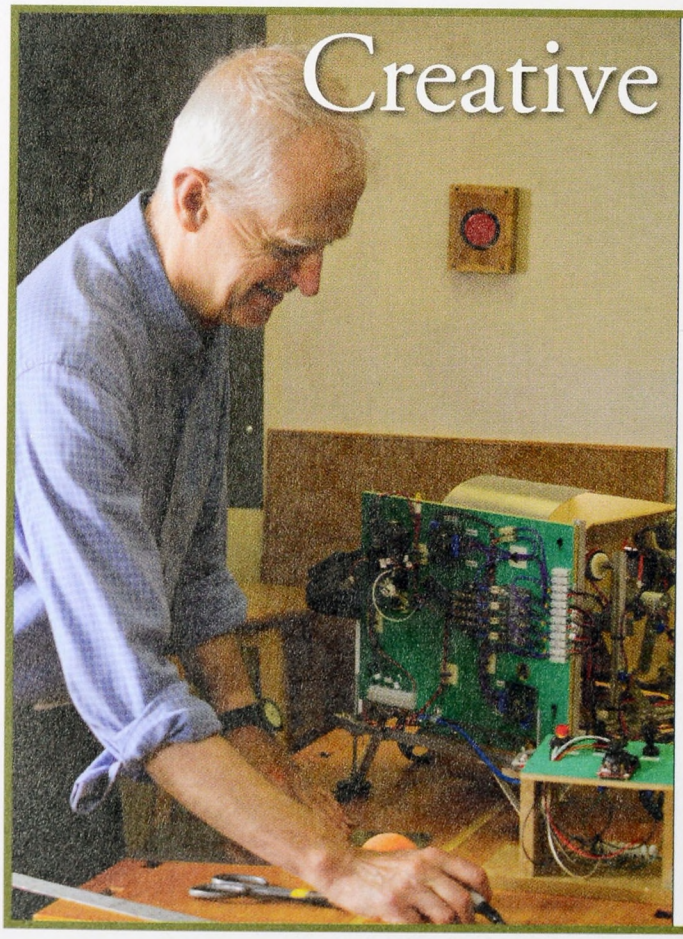
Would it not be apropos for *Middlebury Magazine*, ever so replete with factoids that illuminate the College from a thousand different angles, to note that the fall issue broke the last remaining journalistic barrier with the publication of the dreaded "F" word? It is a milestone that ought to be celebrated, right?
—James E. Close '74, *Mechanicsville, New York*

FAULTY MATH?

I'm perplexed. In the fall issue, you state that Middlebury's endowment stands at $1.1 billion ("What We're Talking About"). You further state that the endowment gained $19.1 million in FY15. And, finally, you say, "Middlebury's endowment generated an investment return of 6.9 percent in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2015."

However, if my math is correct, this doesn't add up. Ten percent of $1 billion is $100 million. One percent of $1 billion is $10 million. So $19.1 million gained would indicate a return of about 2 percent, not 6.9 percent. Correct? And, yes I realize that money may have been spent from the endowment; however, accurate reporting is expected—and very much appreciated.
—John Sinclair '62, *Springfield, Vermont*

Editor's Note: Mr. Sinclair raises a valid point. While both of our statements and figures about the endowment are, in fact, correct, we did not adequately explain how that could be.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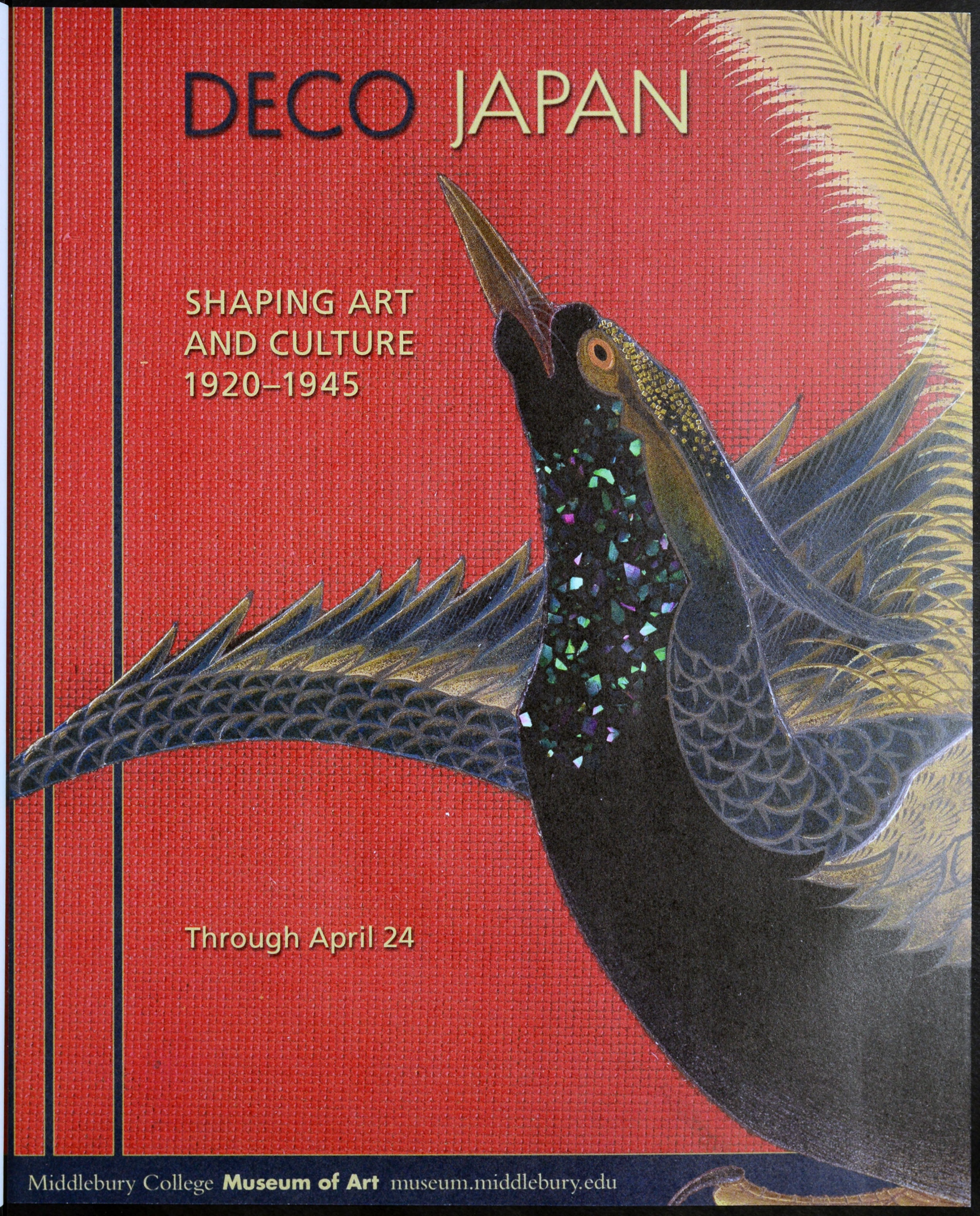

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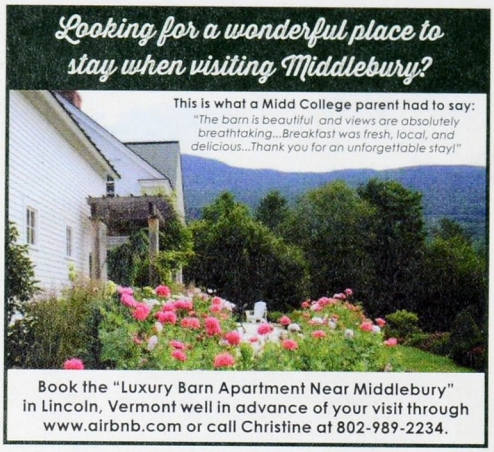
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LOVE THE DONKEYS

"Happy Tails" (summer 2015) = some sweet donkey news from my college alumni mag.
—Eliza Wallace '14 (@elizaharper), *Commenting on Twitter*

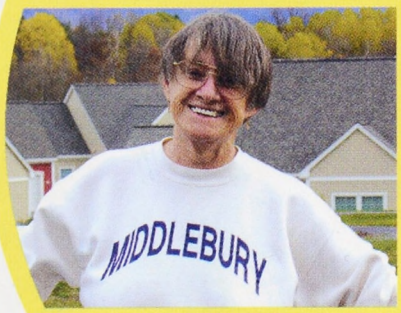
BLESSING A DEAN

Like Dennis O'Brien, I came to Middlebury in 1965— he as Dean of Men, I as a very raw freshman (Letters, fall 2015). Fifty years down the road it is hard to fathom that we ever had deans of Gender, isn't it? No wonder "parietals" were an issue.

From Middlebury, O'Brien went on to become president of two universities—Bucknell and Rochester—yet he still remembers the late '60s at Middlebury and even recalls not only the name of the student body president back then, Bill Stearns, but what they talked about. Believe me, there are few college administrators with that kind of recall.

This is not the place to debate Dr. O'Brien's view of what colleges should do now in regard to student sexual mores, but he is certainly right that parietal hours "were a mistake." I'm sorry he had to defend a stupid policy, but I'm deeply moved that he still thinks about these issues in positive ways and is willing to share his expertise across a half-century of experience. What a blessing to have someone like Dennis O'Brien in our midst.
—Kurt Heinzelman '69, MA English '72, *Austin, Texas*

The writer is a professor of poetry and poetics at the University of Texas.



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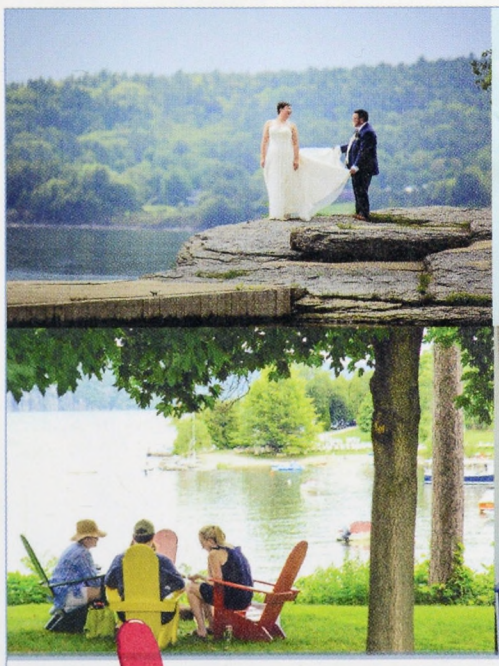

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MORE BIRDS

I read with fascination the summer 2015 story "The Art of Birds" that Matt Jennings wrote in collaboration with Stephen Trombulak, as well Trombulak's essay "Waiting in the Wings," relating how he rescued from obscurity the College's collection of mounted bird skins and bird eggs.

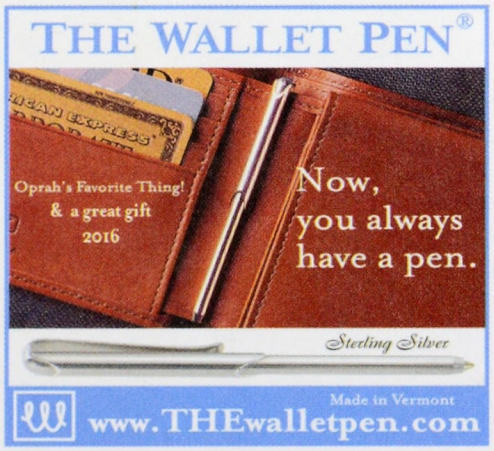
Though I currently live in California, I was born and raised in the small town of Granville, New York, which is about 50 miles south of Middlebury, down routes 30 and 22. In Granville is the Pember Library and Museum, which were established by Franklin Tanner Pember and his wife Ellen Wood Pember in 1909. The museum contains a number of animals, birds, and insects collected by F.T. Pember, himself, during roughly the same time period as the collection that Middlebury currently holds.

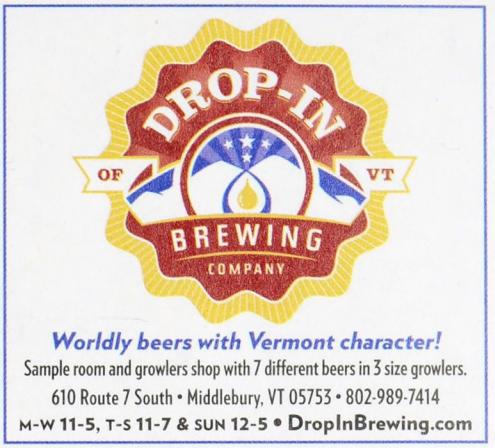
As a young boy, I recall spending many hours wandering around that small museum observing the specimens. Although basically dormant for years, the museum has recently had some modest renovations and is open to the public. I call this to the attention of Professor Trombulak and his students (and any others in the area), as I feel they might be interested in observing the bird skins and eggs on display.

—John McHenry '63, *Chula Vista, California*

BY MY NAME, PLEASE

So, I received the latest issue of @Middlebury-Mag last night. Sorry to say it will be another issue that I will NOT be reading. Why, you may ask? Because once again it has come addressed to Mrs. [my spouse's full name]. An alumni mag addressed to a man's ANONYMIZED spouse rather than to the actual alumna. He didn't even go to Midd. It may not be a big deal to you, but it is to me, who has earned your degree with academic honors despite numerous legal and financial obstacles. Addressing a woman by her spouse's name makes her and her achievements invisible. As a student, I found a generous, supportive, and enlightened community at

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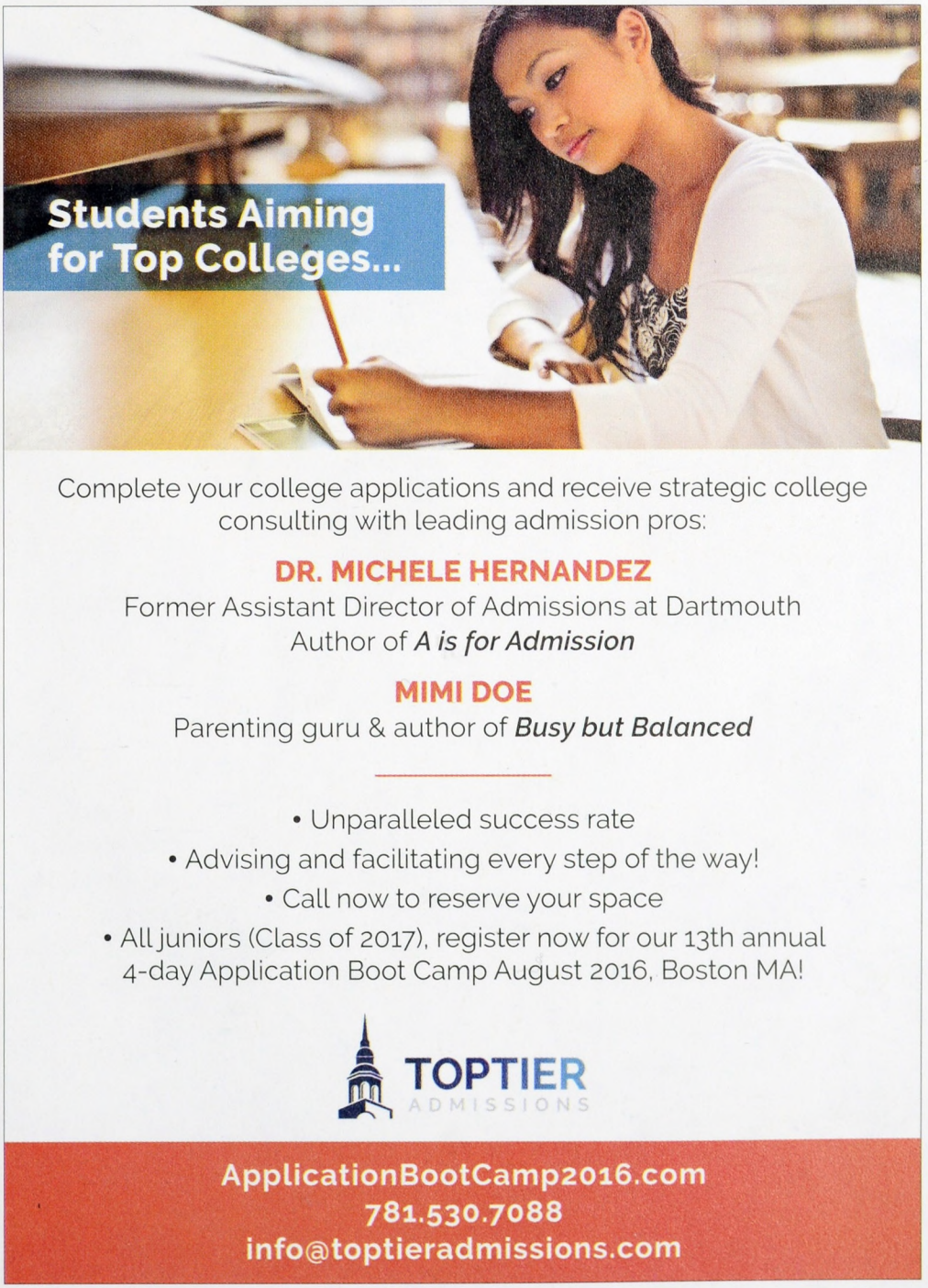
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Middlebury College, all of which makes this offhand, personal erasure feel like the bigger betrayal. I expect better of you, Middlebury.
—Marina Rosenfield '03 (@anInfoNinja), *Commenting in a string of tweets on Twitter*

MERCI BEAUCOUP

Middlebury Magazine does a superb job of bringing us the news of the College—past and present. Thank you (*merci beaucoup*, I was a French major) to the magazine staff for giving its readers such a high-quality publication.
—Joanne Buckeridge Booth '47, *Scarborough, Maine*

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Written by Lucas Kavner '06 for the Middlebury stage. the fall production of *Clickshare* chronicled life in a new media start-up. For more, see p. 26. Photo by Stan Barouh

What We're Talking About

On November 4—the date of the College's founding in 1800—Middlebury's Special Collections made the institution's original charter available for viewing. The 23-inch by 28-inch parchment document is signed by Isaac Tichenor, governor of Vermont, and Roswell Hopkins, secretary of state, on November 1, 1800. The charter, which had been approved by a vote of the Vermont Legislature earlier the same day, gave 16 men the authority to establish a college in the frontier town of Middlebury, and to serve as the "President and Fellows" of the institution.

Popular Mechanics Editor-in-Chief Ryan D'Agostino '97 spent a couple of days on campus in November meeting with students, reading from his latest book (*The Rising: Murder, Heartbreak, and the Power of Human Resilience in an American Town*), and delivering the first Meet the Press lecture of the year: "How to Be a Reporter: Old-Fashioned Journalism in the Digital Age." D'Agostino spun a number of good yarns and doled out sage advice, no piece better than his encouragement to budding student journalists to "go out there and live a life."

The Middlebury Athletics Hall of Fame, now in its second year of existence, inducted 10 former student-athletes and coaches into its ranks at a gala ceremony held on November 7. The new Hall of Fame members are John Corbisiero '50 (football, baseball, and ice hockey); Amy DiAdamo Foster '97 (lacrosse); Heidi George '98 (swimming); Roy Heffernan '78 (football and lacrosse); Sladja Kovijanic Carton '93 (basketball); Alfred "Sonny" Dennis '55 (football, basketball, track and field); Michelle Labbe Hunter '01 (ice hockey); Walter "Duke" Nelson '32 (football, hockey, baseball; legendary coach; athletics director); Jeff Thomsen '83 (lacrosse); Karin Von Berg Noyes '81 (cross country, track and field).

Fifty Middlebury students were studying in Paris when terrorists staged a series of attacks across the city on November 13. None were harmed, though three students were attending the France–Germany soccer match, a site where terrorists detonated explosives outside of the stadium. The students actually first learned of what was going on from a phone call from Middlebury officials. Over the course of the next 30 minutes, Middlebury staff in France remained in direct contact with the students until they had left to a safer area.

On a frigid December night, nearly 100 students and community members held a candlelight vigil and then many slept outside by the Otter Creek Falls as part of a movement to combat homelessness in Vermont. Many of the students volunteer at the John Graham Shelter and are taking part in Middlebury's curricular initiative on Privilege and Poverty.

Middlebury has launched a new program—Middlebury Global Partnerships in Sustainability—that will allow students and faculty at Middlebury Schools Abroad to partner with local organizations to address long-term sustainability challenges through course work, projects, and internships. The program is currently in operation at the Schools Abroad sites in Kunming, China; Tokyo, Japan; and Valparaiso, Chile. The school plans to expand to more sites in the future.

Middlebury has offered 338 students early admission to the Class of 2020. Chosen from a pool of 636 applicants, the admitted students will represent about 49 percent of a class that is expected to total about 685. The College deferred 74 applicants, who will be considered for regular admission in the spring, and denied admission to 221 students.

The UK-based Heath Quartet became the College's first Quartet in Residence, when the four musicians encamped at Middlebury during the length of January term. The group taught, performed the entire Bartók cycle over two concerts, and offered a third, mixed-repertoire recital.

Lucas Kavner's dark satire of Internet culture, *Clickshare*, had its stage premier at Middlebury, earning broad plaudits from local reviewers. ("A raucous send-up of new media, hero-worship and corporate culture.") The Class of 2006 alum wrote the play during a summer residency; 13 students were cast. Alex Draper '88, associate professor of theatre, directed the show.

Michael E. Geisler, vice president for risk and compliance, and former vice president for Language Schools, Schools Abroad, and graduate programs, has been named president of Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York. He'll begin his new job on July 1.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY LORIS LORA

To read Laurie Patton's remarks from the all-campus meeting in Mead Chapel, visit go.middlebury.edu/MeadInclusivity

QUOTE

"We were listening to Czech national radio when they announced, 'If you hear the national anthem, it means this is the end of our legal broadcasting.' Seconds later, the national anthem started playing."

—**Michael Kraus,** Frederick C. Dirks Professor of Political Science, writing for the Open Society Foundation about the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 and his soon-to-be exile from his native country.

NEWS

The Nature of Inclusivity

Last fall, as college campuses across the country wrestled with issues of prejudice, racism, and bias, Middlebury convened a series of town-hall-styled meetings in which students, faculty, and staff discussed and debated community standards, cultural appropriation, and what it means to be inclusive.

College administrators organized a pair of meetings, on either side of Thanksgiving, after a dining hall encounter between a Caucasian student wearing a sombrero and a Latino student who found it offensive escalated to hostility and led to vitriolic spillover on social media (see p. 11).

In an all-campus email, Interim Chief Diversity Officer Miguel Fernandez wrote: "Much of the discussion took a very negative turn, showing intolerance, misunderstanding, and discrimination. This has been an ongoing discussion this semester and a great deal of what has been said comes from a lack of understanding."

He added: "These types of incidents and their responses on social media make us aware that we all have a lot to learn about what we can and should expect of one another, and what our community standards are. Everyone in our community deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and we are coming up short at this point in time. We need to engage in discussion."

With both meetings filling Dana Auditorium to capacity (dozens of students and faculty were turned away), a third meeting was added, and on a Friday afternoon in mid-December Mead Chapel hosted a discourse that began with a specific incident and evolved into a broader discussion on inclusivity, community, and Middlebury's character as an institution.

Fernandez would later say that having the discussions—which were thoughtful, at times very emotional, and universally civil—was a good first step, a thought echoed by President Laurie Patton at the conclusion of the third meeting.

"Diversity and inclusivity are not problems to be solved but ways that we live our lives," she said. "I have seen remarkable intentionality and thoughtfulness in this conversation. And I have also seen ways in which we could improve both in our mindfulness of each other as well as in the care with which we imagine the future."

Addressing how Middlebury will be "moving forward on these central issues for our times," Patton announced a set of principles: collective community ownership of inclusivity; the need to create alliances with historically underrepresented groups; the ability to be unafraid of making mistakes as we engage others; the embrace of an open and complex understanding of free speech; and a commitment to ongoing reflection on structural bias.

Patton closed the meeting by unveiling 13 points of action (see link above), and the promise of further dialogue.

"More than any other community I have chosen to be a part of, I believe in this community's power to change," she said. "I believe in Middlebury's power to create, slowly and imperfectly, but also compellingly, a new way forward."

NEWS

Liebowitz to Brandeis

Ron Liebowitz, who served as Middlebury's president from 2004 to 2015, has been named the next president of Brandeis University.

In announcing the appointment in mid-December, Brandeis board chair Perry M. Traquina said: "We are thrilled to welcome Ron Liebowitz to our community. He is a proven visionary and leader who helped a great institution scale even greater heights and deftly managed it through challenging times. Brandeis will benefit so much from his exceptional experience and passion."

Brandeis enrolls about 3,700 undergraduates and 2,200 graduates at its campus in Waltham, Massachusetts, just west of Boston.

"I am excited by this new challenge at Brandeis," said Liebowitz. "Through my many discussions with members of the search committee, I found the university's willingness to face and engage the deepest challenges facing higher education to be compelling.

"So much of what I learned at Middlebury as a faculty member, senior administrator, and president is relevant to understanding the demands for success for colleges and universities nationwide. And the sabbatical-year research project that I am now working on with Jessica, which focuses on the future of doctoral education, and is intentionally based on what we learned from 11 years of conversations with colleagues and students at 3 South Street, will serve as a valuable bridge to this next challenge at Brandeis."

Liebowitz, his wife, Jessica, and their three children moved to the Boston area after the end of his presidency last summer. He will take office on July 1.

Middlebury President Laurie L. Patton offered Liebowitz and Brandeis her congratulations and best wishes.

"Ron truly was a transformative leader at Middlebury and we are excited to see how he will lead Brandeis with his characteristic energy and vision," she said. "Brandeis has a unique and important role in American higher education, and I'm delighted to see this connection between our institutions."

DOWNLOAD

Why I Love Ice Climbing

By Derek Doucet, Director of Outdoor Programs and Club Sports

Ice climbing is, by any measure, as strange as it gets. To explain to the uninitiated the appeal of picking one's way up frozen waterfalls with razor-sharp ice axes and crampons strapped to one's body is difficult. Every spring I swear I'm done. Tired of being cold, wet, and scared, I promise myself I'll hang up my ice tools for good. Inevitably, though, my memories of frozen hands and windswept belay ledges fade in the gentle days of summer, and the itch returns with the cold and snow as it has for 25 years.

What keeps me coming back? There's no simple answer. The medium itself is part of the draw. The subtle and ever-changing beauty of the ice is a wonder. Pale greens, deep blues, muted yellows: ice offers a feast for eyes starved of color in winter. The athletic rigor is obvious, and sitting in front of a wood stove, deeply tired after a day out on the ice, is one of the season's pleasures. To dismiss ice climbing as merely physical misses the point, however. The consequences of making an error demand a level of reflection and self-assessment many other endeavors don't—though risk itself is not the allure. It's closer to say that conjuring inner calm and competence in the presence of risk is what's compelling. The stillness of mind and focus necessary to function well in this emotional space is deeply meditative and rewarding. This immersion in the here and now is a gift in a frenetic world.

The magic of ice climbing, then, is this alchemy of the aesthetic, physical, and emotional. And somewhere in this frigid mix lies my enduring fascination with it.

REVIEW

Finale: A Novel of the Reagan Years

By Thomas Mallon, Fiction Faculty, Middlebury Bread Loaf Writers' Conference
Review excerpt from the *New York Times Sunday Book Review* (Robert Draper)

Mallon is a poised storyteller who traffics in history's ironic creases. His novels don't upend conventional wisdom so much as remind us that history is a rickety architecture of human endeavor—that today's statues commemorate yesterday's frail and fumbling mortals. Less capable practitioners of historical fiction are often all too eager to demonstrate their archival mastery of the era in question. Mallon's novels, in contrast, never come off as feats of plodding research. A resident of Washington, D.C., Mallon gravitates naturally toward political melodrama, from Lincoln's assassination to McCarthyism to Watergate. Compared with these searing episodes, the waning years of the Reagan presidency would seem to constitute rather banal fare. It's perhaps for this reason that *Finale* represents Mallon's most audacious and important work yet.

MILESTONE

Final Run

For more than 30 years, Steve Paquette would begin a winter's morning the same way. He'd feed the pets, kiss his wife goodbye, and then would leave his house by 6:00, his car pointed in the direction of the Snow Bowl.

Paquette—who grew up in Middlebury with his 11 brothers and sisters—began skiing at the Bowl when he was "teeny-weeny," back when the lodge was a small log cabin, the 50-meter ski jump still loomed on the side of the Allen Trail, and all lifts were surface lifts. He recalls flying around the mountain with his buddies—back then, a small trail called the Goat Trail led from the old Poma lift on Allen to the top of Voter Trail, and this was their jumping off place for trouble.

"We used to come down the Goat trail, scoot through the woods and cut across the pond." More than once, the ski patrol intercepted him after such excursions, and he got his pass pulled. "That's where I learned," he says, smiling. Learned what not to do and learned what to do when things went wrong.

For the past three decades, Paquette has served as the director of the Snow Bowl Ski Patrol. But this will be the first winter in a long while that Paquette will not be keeping a watchful eye on the slopes. Over the summer, after turning 66, he announced his retirement. It was not an easy decision to make.

"Ski patrolling has become such a big part of my life," he says. He'll miss working with the student patrollers; he'll miss the training. And he'll miss the adrenaline rush that comes with the job: "Getting the call and not knowing what the injury will be, figuring out what to do once we're on the scene. I'll miss that." What he won't miss is the daily grind. The position of ski patrol director may sound like the holy grail of occupations to any passionate skier, but it comes with challenges: The need for organization. (Paquette maintained a meticulous patrol hut with drawers of medical supplies labeled with neat capital letters.) The need for communication. (Radios? Check.) And the need for collaboration. (He managed an ever-changing group of about thirty student patrollers.) And then there's the ultimate pressure: for 31 years, Paquette has been responsible for the safety of every skier on the mountain. He's dealt with almost every possible kind of accident and witnessed the Bowl's only death.

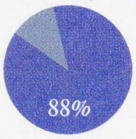
Paquette says he may take a break from the mountain for a bit, but his absence will be temporary. He promises that his tracks, which have marked each slope thousands of times, will carve the mountain again.

—Emilie Munson '16

ILLUSTRATION (TOP LEFT) BY MARIKO JESSE

The Heat Is On

It can get a wee bit chilly in Vermont during the winter months, and keeping a campus full of folks warm is no easy endeavor. We offer a glimpse at what it takes to keep the fires burning.



Percentage of College dormitories that are serviced by circulating hot water systems

Percentage of plant powered by #6 fuel oil in 2006

Percentage of plant powered by #6 fuel oil in 2015

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The standard indoor temp, in degrees Fahrenheit, for Middlebury residence halls

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Average temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit, in Middlebury in January 2015

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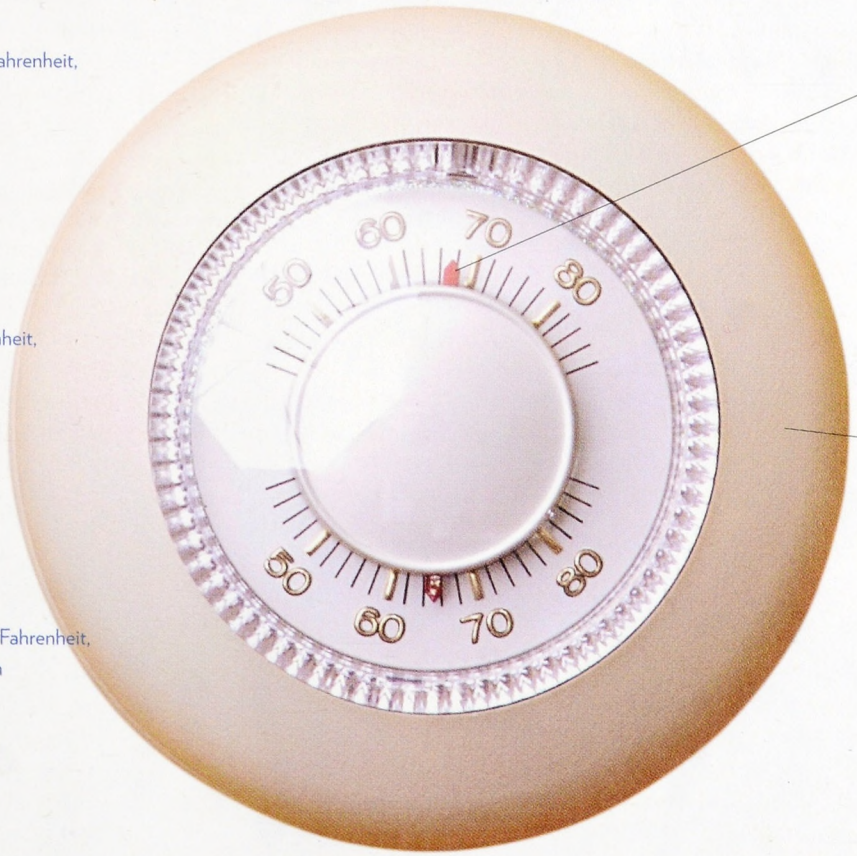
The outside air temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit, above which heating systems will not run



The Hot Four
There are four main types of heating systems on campus: circulating hot water systems; steam heat; fan coil units with hot water coils; and independent boilers with circulating hot water or hot air service.

Steamed
Stewart is the only dorm that runs on steam heat.

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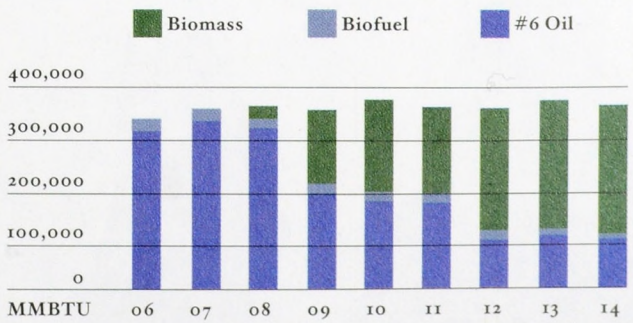

Fuel Balance The 2009 opening of a biomass gasification plant on campus significantly altered the fuel equation in Middlebury's central heating plant. (See a couple of the above pie charts). Here we take a look at the evolution of energy sources. (The biofuel blend is used in furnaces not connected to the central heating plant.)

MEDIA MATTERS

Claire Abbadi '16, editor in chief of the *Campus*, and Lizzy Weiss '17, a lead editor of middbeat.org, debate the relative merits of their respective outlets—chatting about what they admire about the other's outlet, their biggest challenges, and why their chosen medium is better than the other's.

CLAIRE: Colleges have been a vital place for debate of prominent issues, and student publications provide a forum for that debate. They convey and foster what young people object to and what they support. And a student newspaper gives legitimacy to those voices. When I look within the *Campus* archives, I quickly have a sense of a community that existed decades ago, the critical issues that it faced, and a sense of the timeless importance of the student newspaper. Student discourse is often refreshingly blunt, sometimes idealistic, and almost always undiluted, but this combination is powerful, with an ability to energize, inform, and shape ideas.

LIZZY: If the *Campus* represents a draft of Middlebury's history, then middbeat's online platform epitomizes the reinvention of traditional journalism. Our digital capabilities allow for the dispensation of information in a way that extends beyond written reporting; we are neither limited by a rigid news structure nor by the confines inherent to print. Our goal is to strengthen the community by keeping our readership informed of relevant topics of conversation, campus events, and student initiatives with daily posts, features, and opinion pieces.

The digital capabilities of middbeat may epitomize the changing nature of journalism—and I envy (and admire) its immediacy—but middbeat's content is very different from the *Campus*'s. Our breadth of coverage provides a more complete picture of the community. And I believe that what Lizzy calls a "rigid news structure" discounts the value of having rules for reporting. Without guidelines, the distinction between fact, rumor, or opinion becomes unclear.

Claire's point about the breadth of coverage in the *Campus* is a good one, and I'm impressed with the editors' ability to compile such extensive writing on a weekly basis. While I do believe that the newspaper's longevity and, therefore, its consistency of content lend strength to its reporting, middbeat is a more flexible publication. Much of that fluidity is derived from our staff writers, who are encouraged to explore any topics they find interesting. Our lack of hierarchy and absence of deadlines allows our writers to delve deeply into pieces they feel truly passionate about, not just ones they have been assigned. Personally, I hope middbeat will eventually develop so that every student feels ownership over the site—an accomplishment I don't believe the *Campus* will ever be able to attain by inviting a limited number of reader opinion pieces.

I want to echo what Claire said about feeling a strong sense of service. I believe that both middbeat and the *Campus* play a critical role in keeping our student body engaged with the issues that matter most. I am thrilled whenever I notice the ways in which our articles influence campus culture or spark conversations around Proctor, and I feel an immense sense of pride when students approach me to express gratitude for a piece that resonated with them. I am extremely grateful for the mentorship I received from our previous editors and am equally excited for the future of the blog as it continues to grow with the newest wave of writers and contributors.

I disagree with Lizzy here. Much of our content is also reader and staff writer-generated. Sure, editors assign stories, but some of the most compelling articles are the ones that readers and contributors bring to us. The best journalists have their ear to the ground, are relentlessly curious, and go out and find stories. Contributors can write an op-ed, a features column, a sports piece, a news article and much more. Ultimately, like Lizzy, I hope that students can feel a sense of ownership of the *Campus*, and I will continue to feel a sense of service in my role.

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PICTURE

Third Time's a Charm Any national title is rewarding, but Middlebury's 1–0 upset of top-seeded Bowdoin in the 2015 field hockey championship must have seemed especially cathartic. The Panthers had faced the Polar Bears twice before this season, dropping both games by 2–1 scoring margins; the second loss came in the conference championship. The losses were the only two defeats on Middlebury's near-perfect 20–2 record. (For more, see column at right.)

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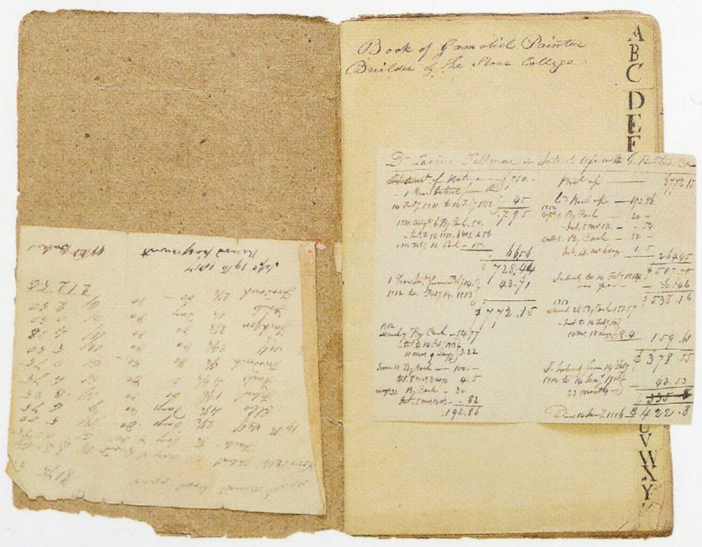
LITTLE BROWN BOOK



At nine o'clock on a September morning in 1812, Gamaliel Painter greeted a man and his two yoke of oxen on the campus green, recording the meeting on a small slip of paper he then tucked carefully in a ledger. Minus two hours of absence at noon, the man spent the day helping to build one of Middlebury's most iconic buildings—Painter Hall, or as it was to be known at the time, "The Stone College."

The ledger documenting the building's four-year construction—brick by brick and laborer by laborer—was put away and forgotten for nearly 200 years, until 2013 when facilities crews uncovered the patinaed book amidst renovations on the Service Building.

A few notable lines of record: $45 to Solomon for stone, a collection of 315 bricks from Mr. Schyler, another 927 bricks from Rogers, $1 to an unnamed laborer for a half-day's work, and donations of Weybridge Limestone from Messrs. Seymour, Davis, and Storrs.

NUMBERS

The Middlebury field hockey team captured the 2015 NCAA championship, upsetting top-seeded Bowdoin, 1–0, in the title tilt. The victory was the Panthers 20th of the season—a school record for wins in a year—and the national title adds to an already crowded trophy case in the Peterson Family Athletic Complex.

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PHOTO, TOP, BY KEITH LUCAS. BOTTOM PHOTO BY TODD BALFOUR

J-Term Agenda

Choices abound during Middlebury's month-long winter term. Depending on a student's class year, opportunities range from a trip abroad to the thesis carrel to the slopes of the Snow Bowl.

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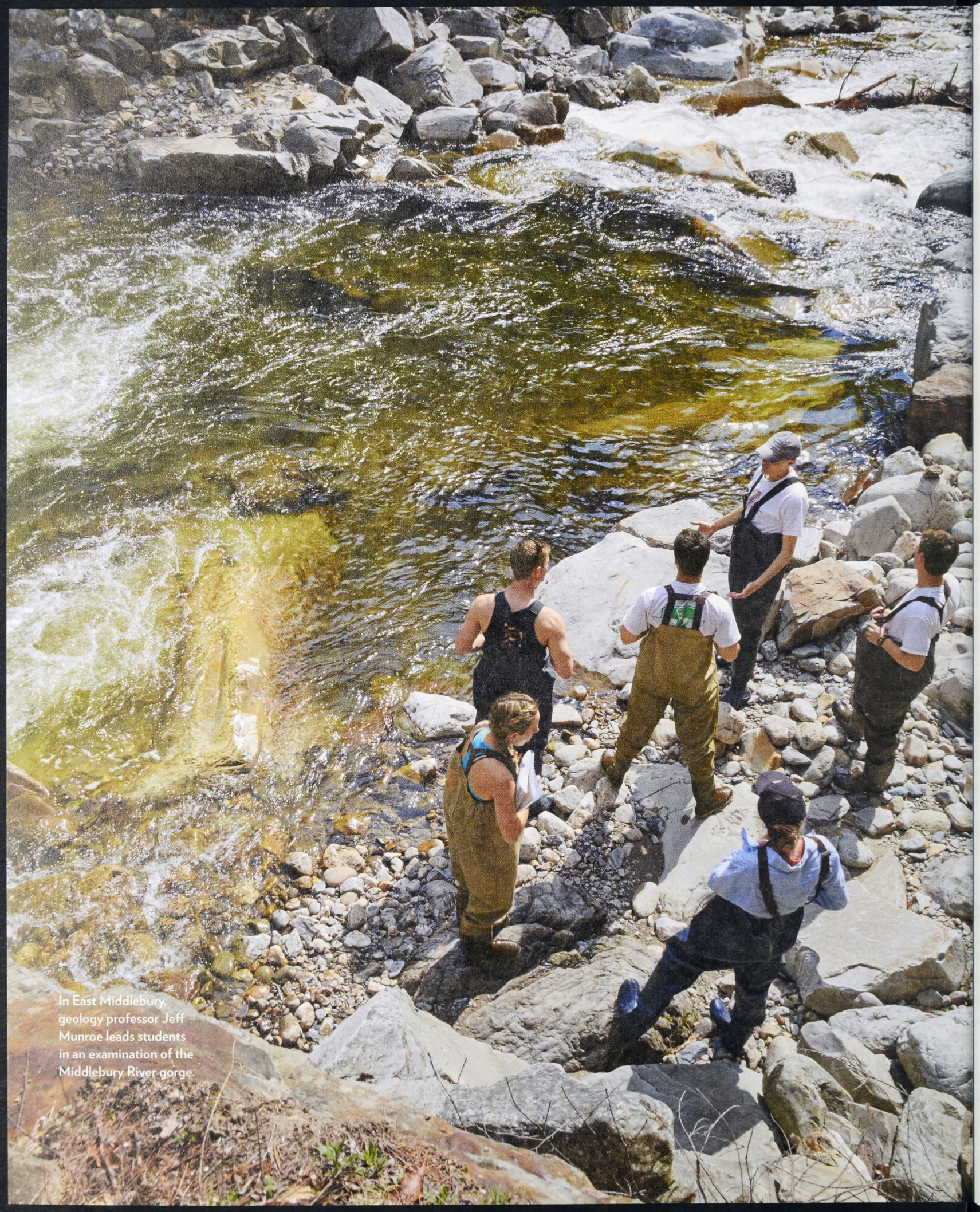
1 FIRST UP
For the first-year student, January may bring Beginner Italian (and growing competency), as well as some time in the fresh, crisp winter air.

2 SECONDS
Sophomores may find themselves taking the intensive MiddCORE course, where even time on the slopes may be spent on presentations.

3 HOME AND AWAY
Adios, says the junior. Many third-year students spend a semester studying abroad, fully immersed in a foreign language and culture.

4 THE END
Senior slack time? Not really, not when a thesis demands attention—be it a solitary night in the carrel or a meeting with an adviser.

5 CARNIVAL AWAITS
Though Winter Carnival doesn't occur until February, which is at the start of spring semester, it's a preoccupation for many during winter term.



In East Middlebury, geology professor Jeff Munroe leads students in an examination of the Middlebury River gorge.

Debunking The Myth That Serious Research Doesn't Exist at a Liberal Arts College

In the not-too-distant past, determined PhD candidates at large research universities did not see teaching jobs at liberal arts colleges as the brass ring, career-wise. If they even considered that path, mentors warned it would surely lead to debilitating teaching loads and the end of their research ambitions. ¶ This attitude has hardly been eradicated in the academy. But Middlebury and other top liberal arts colleges are finding ways to not just allow but encourage research by faculty members—and their students. These range from the large—McCardell Bicentennial Hall and the labs and instrumentation therein; a commitment to keeping the student-faculty ratio and thus teaching loads and class sizes as reasonable as possible—to the small, such as helping faculty with the cost of attending professional meetings. ¶ In his reporting and writing, Tim Etchells '74 found the College's efforts are driven not only by a desire to attract faculty members determined to combine teaching and research—they tend to believe connecting the two makes them better at both—but also by students eager to get in on the fun. His two pieces on the pages that follow, along with an exhaustive infographics spread, provide a strong rebuttal to a tired trope about the place for research in the liberal arts.

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The New York Times
BBC
NEWS
Erik Bleich

The Research Paradigm

In the days following last year's terrorist attacks in Paris—first in January on the Charlie Hebdo offices and then the horrific events of November 13 that left 130 people dead—many national media outlets turned to Middlebury political scientist Erik Bleich, asking him to contextualize these attacks committed by Islamic fanatics.

Bleich, whose scholarship focuses on race and ethnicity in the politics of Western Europe, had just spent a year abroad in Lyon, France, furthering his research so he was expertly positioned to comment. Also attracting media interest were two recent scholarly articles Bleich had published on how newspapers portray Muslims and Islam.

In one, published in the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, Bleich and his coauthors examined how British newspaper headlines from 2001 to 2012 represented Muslims. The other, which appeared in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, assessed the tone of *New York Times* headlines from 1985 to 2013 concerning Muslims and Islam.

In fact, Bleich's research upended conventional wisdom, finding that headlines about Muslims have not been predominantly negative, and that in the *New York Times*, headlines about Islam and Muslims actually became more positive over the period studied, even after the 9/11 attacks.

Bleich, who has made Islamophobia here and abroad one of his focuses, finds his research exciting. But he gets just as excited talking about his research methodology. On the first article, Bleich's coauthors were Middlebury students Hannah Stonebraker '13, Hasher Nisar '16, and Rana Abdelhamid '15. The second was coauthored by Nisar and Abdelhamid.

"Starting from scratch and with student input," Bleich says, "we developed a way to download, process, code, and analyze newspaper headlines for their tone toward Muslims." At a research university, he says, the project would have involved faculty researchers and grad students. And "undergrads would be used, if they were used at all, for the coding: 'Please read these hundred headlines and enter into an Excel spreadsheet what you think the tone is: positive, or negative, or neutral.'"

At Middlebury, Bleich says, his students were collaborators, helping to consider what the team wanted to learn from the project over the next few years and *how* to learn it.

Undergraduates as collaborators has a long history at Middlebury but is, by all accounts, more common today. From geologist Jeff Munroe trekking through Utah's Uinta Mountains to study dust deposition to Bleich and his deep dive on media representation of Muslims, faculty members often arrive at Middlebury with an active research project and continue to pursue it—usually with the help of students.

Jim Ralph '82, a history professor and dean of faculty development and research, says the College encourages faculty members to hire student research assistants both during the academic year and over the summer. They do so mostly via the Faculty Research Assistant Fund (FRAF) for general student support and via the Undergraduate Collaborative Research Fund (UCRF) for more collaborative student work—often anticipating that a poster, an article, or a book will result.

Lisa Gates, associate dean for fellowships and research, says the summer program in particular is growing quickly. In 2015, close to 140 students were involved and most were on campus. A summer research symposium has joined the popular spring student symposium as another showcase for student work.

Febe Armanios, an associate professor of history, has used both FRAF and UCRF grants and coauthored papers with students. She now has two books in progress, and for both she's used student research help. One book is on the history of Christian satellite television in the Middle East. The other, on halal food, which she's writing with her husband, UVM History Professor Boğaç Ergene, came from teaching the class, Food in the Middle East: History, Culture, and Identity. She worked on it while a fellow at Harvard during the fall of 2014.

Armanios points out that Middlebury's faculty come primarily from larger research universities. She, for instance, got her BA, MA, and PhD at Ohio State. Because graduate schools have become increasingly competitive, most of those who apply to become faculty at Middlebury have published extensively and have significant investments in their research interests and projects. "We're now bringing in edgy, current, up-to-date scholars," says Armanios, "who are the best and the brightest in their areas, and who are also really great teachers."

Armanios says that when Middlebury students work with faculty and do their own research, they're learning ways "to have a fuller and richer experience of what being at Middlebury is about. It's not just being a passive recipient of knowledge in the classroom. They actually have a role in the production of new knowledge."

Zach Perzan '14 agrees. A geology major, he worked with professors Jeff Munroe and Will Amidon on his thesis, which reported on his work in Vermont caves, the Weybridge Cave in particular. The most recent glacial advance, which ended approximately 14,500 years ago, did not disturb some deep caves. And sediments found there—some 30,000 to 100,000 years old—can provide clues about the climate in the northeast pre glaciers.

Perzan's research work with Middlebury faculty has taken him out in the field and to conferences all over the country. Last spring, he presented at Posters on the Hill, an event on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., that celebrates undergraduate research. "I really haven't heard about friends from other schools doing this level of side-by-side research," he says. "You go to a conference and see students and professors doing a poster, and when a question gets asked, the professor responds. Here, you have to deal with anyone who wants to grill you on your work."

The enterprise certainly seems to have value for teachers and students. "Students who are here for summer work, for example, say it was not just a paycheck or something that looks good on their resume," says Jim Ralph, "but a really transformative educational experience."

And that's true regardless of whether students are heading to graduate school. "The value of research is in enhancing your critical thinking skills," says Erik Bleich, the political scientist. "It's really about thinking hard and systematically and meticulously about how the world works, and about how to make an argument about what's really going on. I think that pays off no matter what their careers are."

Bleich believes that Middlebury is better learning to appreciate the value research has to the institution as opposed to the value it has for individual faculty members and students. Research, he says, is not just something faculty members do to get tenure.

"We want to encourage our students to engage with the world," Bleich says. "And that's exactly what research is. It's being engaged beyond the walls of Middlebury. So to the extent that we are engaged in research as a faculty, we are really modeling what we ask for in our students." —*TE*

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On a Sea of Stone

The way geology professor Jeff Munroe navigates Utah's Uinta Mountains and other landscapes reveals something about what it means to be a Middlebury teacher and researcher

By Tim Etchells '74

The top of Murdoch Mountain, in the Uinta chain in northeastern Utah, is about 11,200 feet, which is modest by the standards of the Uintas: the state's highest point is Kings Peak at 13,258 feet. Murdoch is popular for hikers because of its accessibility: you can drive, via Mirror Lake Highway, to Bald Mountain Pass, which at 10,700 feet is only about 500 vertical from Murdoch's top.

That's where, in July, I met up with Jeff Munroe, a professor of geology at Middlebury, and two students: Sam O'Keefe '16, from Baltimore, Maryland, and Luna Wasson '17, from Wilson, Wyoming. Munroe has been hiking, climbing, and conducting research in the Uintas for two decades. And for much of that time he's been bringing students to learn about this east-west stretch of the Rocky Mountains.

In recent years, Munroe's research has focused on dust deposition in the Uintas. The long-term goal: to learn how windborne dust affects the geo-ecology of alpine systems. He's investigating soil formation (also known as pedogenesis); the albedo—or reflectivity—of the snowpack, and the impact on snowmelt; the composition and source of the dust on the mountains. And, with the help of core samples from Uinta lakes, Munroe is studying how dust deposition has changed over time due both to climate change—a drier climate in the Southwest implies more dust in the mountains—and human activity in the lowland basins, including fossil fuel extraction and mining.

On this July day, Munroe and the students are heading to a passive dust collector not far from Murdoch's summit, one of four that the Middlebury geologist deployed in the Uintas a few years back. From Bald Mountain Pass, we hike through a beautiful alpine meadow, which quickly becomes a tricky, steep talus with rocks ranging from toaster to refrigerator size. They look stable but often shift under your feet. Trekking poles come in handy.

As the terrain flattens near the top of Murdoch, we find ourselves on a *felsenmeer*—German for sea of stone. This is a relatively flat expanse of rock broken into loose pieces, and it's typical of the summits throughout the Uintas. The last time glaciers moved through, the peaks were not covered in ice and so for thousands of years they've been subject to freezing and thawing, which reduces the top few feet of the rock surface to rubble.

The dust collector is a short walk from a summit cairn, on the shoulder of the mountain, where it's less likely to be disturbed. Just below the site is a small snowfield. The collectors—built by Tony Desautels, a scientific machinist in Middlebury's Science Tech Support Services—are about two feet square and made of clear plastic. The plastic has five V-shaped channels with holes near the top that allow excess water to drain out. The channels are closed on both ends and have on one side removable black plastic caps. When deployed in the field, each channel is filled to two-thirds its depth with black, rounded glass—pieces about the size of Peanut M&M's. Dust collects in the channels and is trapped beneath the glass pieces, where some of it stays until the team comes to collect it each year.

The collection process is almost alarmingly low-tech. First Munroe, O'Keefe, and Wasson remove the glass pieces from each channel and put them in plastic bags. Then they put the water and dust from each channel in a plastic bottle—several bottles for each collector—with a plastic spoon and a turkey baster. Then, one by one, they remove the caps on the channels and rinse each channel with purified water to capture more dust and add it to that channel's bottle. They use a toothbrush in the final rinse to make sure all the dust gets into the bottle. Then they seal the bottles and secure them in their backpacks for the hike down. They put the collector as close as possible to where it had been, and put the glass pieces back into the channels. At the end of the trip, they will ship these bottles back to Middlebury, where the dust will be removed and analyzed.

With the collection process complete, we head back down to Bald Mountain Pass and then drive deeper into the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest on Mirror Lake Highway before turning off onto increasingly bumpy and rocky U.S. Forest Service "roads" to our campsite/staging area for the next hike. Munroe and the students are in a huge white four-door turbo-diesel pickup Munroe rented for the trip. He calls it the hovercraft for the way it handles the bad roads. My Jeep Patriot rental can't make it past the washouts on the last quarter mile to the campsite. So I pack my tent and other gear in a huge backpack I borrowed from the Middlebury Mountain Club gear room and make the short trek to the riverbank.

We set up camp by the fast-rushing East Fork of the Blacks Fork River, a Green River tributary. We have a tailgate dinner, with Munroe and the students enjoying the peanut butter/noodle/vegetable creation he cooked over a gas camp stove. Munroe and his wife, Diane, the coordinator for community-based environmental studies at the College's Franklin Environmental Center, are vegans, and many students talk about the wonderful meals they've had at the Munroe household.

When it's still light, we settle into our tents for the night, because we plan to rise at 4 a.m. to set out on the long hike to a dust collector just south of Bald Mountain. (Another Bald Mountain, it turns out: not the one visible from the aforementioned Bald Mountain Pass.) The early start is to ensure we're back below tree line before the late afternoon thunderstorms.

In 2001 Jeff Munroe joined the Middlebury faculty as an assistant professor of geology. He graduated from Bowdoin College and earned his MS and PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His work in the Uintas began as a collaboration with the Forest Service in 1996, when he was a graduate student, and was the basis for his doctoral

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAN CAMPBELL

Jeff Munroe's general area of research is the Quaternary period, which ranges from the present to about 2.6 million years ago.

In September, Munroe returned to the Uintas with Ryan McElroy '16 (pictured) to collect more data.

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dissertation. He's also done research on climate change in northeastern Nevada, glacier retreat in Glacier National Park, and the evolution of lake environments and mountain soils in northern New England. Now a full professor, he teaches courses on geomorphology, environmental geology, paleolimnology, and arctic and alpine environments.

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Like his colleagues in Middlebury's geology department, Munroe spends a lot of time in the field and much of that time with students. "That's something I did as an undergrad at Bowdoin," he says. "I went to Alaska for five or six weeks with my advisor, and that put the hook in me pretty good about doing field-based geology. And I just always had it in my mind that in a perfect world I'd get into a situation where I could provide those types of opportunities for undergraduates. And beginning my very first year here, I've been able to do that. It helps build great relationships with students, as you might imagine. The conversations you have when you're together all the time, when you're dealing with the uncertainties and unpredictability of fieldwork: you really become a team pretty quickly. And I love to be able to provide that for students. I think that type of immersive learning in the field has no parallel. You can't fake it. You can try with a three- or four-hour lab during a regular semester. But, boy, when you're out there testing hypotheses every day, coming up with new ones every night, you see science in real time."

AT 4:30 THE NEXT MORNING, we're fording the Blacks Fork, which runs cold and fast over round, slippery rocks, and is just over knee deep. Munroe had described this hike to me as 15 miles, but it turns out to be 17, including 3,000 feet of elevation gain that tops out at 12,500 feet. Wearing headlamps to illuminate our path, we start up a series of switchbacks that cross a steep rocky slope through thick woods still soaked from overnight rains. On the second switchback, we hear a rumble of thunder, which Munroe says is not a good sign. Thunder in the morning often means a long, stormy day in the mountains. But we decide to press on until we get to the tree line and can see more of the sky.

By the time we reach the top of the switchbacks, the woods are waking up, filling with birdsong. The trail levels and smooths out for half a mile or so through a beautiful softwood glade. Then things get steep again as we hike through a huge pile of rocks, which has a stream running below it. The trail zigzags through the rocks—we found our way by looking for cairns at the turns—and then the terrain opens up again, displaying fewer trees and some marshy sections.

But before long we're back in a steep and rocky section, now above the tree line, and stop for breakfast on the shoulder of Bald Mountain at around 11,000 feet. It's overcast, with a chilly breeze. Having discovered early on that my idea of a comfortable pace doesn't match those of the others—Munroe is tall, trim, and extremely fit; O'Keefe is a national collegiate champion in cyclocross; Wasson is a member of the Panther Nordic ski team—I arrive a bit late. From our breakfast perch, the terrain looks friendlier. I ask Munroe if we're halfway, and he says that's probably about right. He adds that you can see our destination, pointing south toward a peak in the middle distance. Since you can see for at least 20 miles in almost every direction, this is not terribly comforting. But breakfast—Alpineaire's granola and blueberries; just add cold water—could not have tasted better.

LAST SPRING, Munroe taught one of the geology department's most popular entry-level courses: Environmental Geology. He makes sure even those beginning students get their time in the field.

One afternoon, I tagged along as Munroe and his class piled into vans and made the short drive over to the Middlebury River where it enters East Middlebury. We parked just past the new Route 125 bridge that spans the East Middlebury Gorge, and Munroe and the students pulled on waders and descended the steep slope to the river.

They were measuring the water's volume and the speed of its flow. Before leaving campus, Munroe had instructed one student to grab four oranges from the dining halls—"The entire success of the lab depends on those oranges," he said—for reasons that weren't, at first, clear to me.

Once in the water, the students created a cross-section of the river, running a long tape measure across and using yardsticks to measure depth every foot along the tape. Then they stretched two tapes across the stream 20 feet apart and floated oranges between them, measuring the time it took the fruit to travel the distance at different points.

Having collected the data on water volume and flow, Munroe and the class climbed back up to the bridge, crossed to the river's north side, and walked half a mile upstream. Munroe discussed how the gorge was formed, noting the volume and speed of water required to carve the gorge out of the quartzite bedrock.

He pointed out round dimples on the surfaces of some large rocks in the river: these were percussion marks and smaller rocks hitting the larger ones caused them. Typically they're found on the upstream side. If they're on the downstream side it means the river flow has moved or flipped over the rock. He asked his students to find the largest rock that appeared to have been flipped, and they discovered an enormous one—big enough for several students to stand on. Estimating the weight and the flow required to flip it, Munroe said, suggested it would have taken a once-in-10,000-years flood.

Munroe is clearly in his element in the field, whether in the rivers and streams of Vermont or the extremes of the West, and his smile was almost ever-present through the afternoon. On the way back to the vans, he talked about how great it is to have places like the gorge so close to campus. "It's a wonderful place to teach geology," he said. "You can just go outside."

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAN CAMPBELL

Back in Utah, the next bit of the hike goes slightly downhill through a beautiful, wide alpine tundra covered with grass and wildflowers. But before long we're on a gradual climb interrupted every so often by steep slopes with lots of exposed rock. I keep thinking every pitch has to be the last one. And eventually, when I nearly crawl over what actually *is* the final rise, there's Munroe sitting next to his dust collector, taking my picture.

At this climb's halfway point, I had told Munroe I'd seen lots of good spots along the way for his dust collector—the implication being that such a long hike might not be necessary. But he tells me there's "a method to [his] madness." In the summer, sheep are brought up to these alpine meadows to graze. He'd learned how high the sheep usually get and placed his collector well above that point.

So eight-plus miles later, Munroe, O'Keefe, and Wasson repeat yesterday's process. As they work, Munroe gives impromptu lectures on some of the terrain features we'd encountered. Frost boils are bare patches of ground: here they're mostly brick-colored dirt produced when frost pushes soil up from below. They're bare because the soil's movement doesn't allow vegetation to take hold. Sorted polygons and stripes—known as patterned ground—are areas of soil and vegetation bordered by larger stones. During repeated freezing and thawing, finer soils flow and settle underneath larger stones, pushing the stones aside and creating geometric figures on flatter terrain and stripes on steeper sections.

Once dust collection is complete, I take a picture of the three researchers with the spectacular Red Castle in the background. The red-tinged rocks and spires, which look like an enormous cathedral, have become the traditional backdrop for a celebratory photo after reaching, at 12,500 feet, this highest collector. Then we start back down. Seeing black clouds to the west over other jagged Uinta peaks, we depart with some urgency. No one wants to be caught out in this open country, far above the tree line, in a thunderstorm.

In the spring of 2013, Munroe was promoted to full professor. He also became the first winner of Middlebury's Gladstone Award for Excellence in Teaching, which includes a stipend to support collaborative work with students.

Munroe used the funding to take three students to Utah at various times over the summer. Emily Attwood '14, Paul Quackenbush '14, and Sam O'Keefe '16 gathered dust from the collectors, collected dust from snowfields, took core samples from lake sediments, and collected soil samples. The students then based their school-year work on these experiences: Attwood wrote a geology thesis; both Quackenbush, a geography major, and O'Keefe worked on 500-level independent projects. After doing lab analysis on the materials they'd brought back from the mountains, the students helped Munroe with a paper concerning this project. They also submitted abstracts of their work to a conference in Castellaneta Marina, Italy. The conference's name is DUST 2014: An International Conference on Atmospheric Dust. Attwood's abstract concerned dust in snow; O'Keefe's was on dust in lake cores; and Quackenbush's was dust and soil development. All were accepted, so in June 2014, Munroe and the students attended the conference, with Munroe presenting a paper on Uinta dust deposition coauthored by the three students. Each student also did a poster presentation.

Attwood remarks on the novelty of presenting in front of atmospheric scientists at an international conference—"we were definitely the youngest people there"—but says the collaborative experience was par for the course. "In the geology department, as in some other departments, the professors encourage field experience," she says. "You get to know your professors on a different level, hiking with them for hours during the day, cooking meals with them, swapping stories. And you learn in such a different way than you would in a classroom. You can just ask them all the questions you want. You're right there in the field and something pops up, and you say: 'What does that mean? Why would that be there?'" Attwood, a former Nordic ski racer at Middlebury, now teaches skiing and winter ecology at a Montana ski center.

Quackenbush now works for an environmental consulting firm outside Boston and says that "being involved in the lab work, getting to review the paper with Jeff and make suggestions on that, and seeing how that whole process plays out is an experience that very few [undergraduates] get to have. But I think Jeff strives in his classes and his labs to give students a chance to understand how academic research really works."

While we were in Utah, Munroe learned he had been awarded a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to help support further work on dust in the Uintas. The grant will support the placement of more dust collectors—bringing the total to eight—from one end of the Uintas to the other. Munroe also anticipates having dust gathered from the collectors twice a year rather than just once.

According to the NSF, Munroe's work with student collaborators was an important factor in approving his grant. Reviewers addressed his past work with undergraduates, along with Middlebury's commitment to providing students with research opportunities. "The robust participation of undergraduates is clearly an important element in the success of this project," read the foundation's award letter.

The new grant started last summer, and Munroe immediately made plans to return to the Uintas with Middlebury student Ryan McElroy '16. Munroe asked Tony Desautels if he could build five more collectors—four to put in new collection spots, and one to replace a broken collector discovered last summer. Desautels had the collectors ready when Munroe and McElroy headed out at the end of September.

In a week, they placed the new collectors, replaced the broken one, and revisited three of the remaining collectors, along with taking lots of soil samples. The grant also envisions using lake sediment cores collected during past Uintas visits to do a study on a geologic time scale of dust deposition.

It's heady stuff, and I mention to Munroe how advanced this all seems. He nods. "I never use a book in any of my classes anymore," he says, "because by the time a book is published, it's out of date. For the price the students are going to pay (for a book), I'd much rather they read journal articles. I know it's a big step up. These were not written for undergraduates usually. But, boy, they can make headway by figuring out something that's presented in a journal article from this week or from last year."

"That's how science is done. It's not a static series of assembled, time-tested material. It's very, very dynamic."

Tim Etchells '74 spent more that a year dropping in on Jeff Munroe, observing the geologist in his natural environment as a teacher. In addition to chasing him across the beautiful Uinta landscape, Etchells sat in on classes and put on waders to join students in the Middlebury River lab. He also hitched a ride with Munroe and his wife, Diane—who frequently accompanies her husband on trips to the Uintas—when they took 30 Middlebury alumni to the top of Killington Peak in Vermont as part of a sold-out session on "The Mountains of Northern New England" at Alumni College in 2014.

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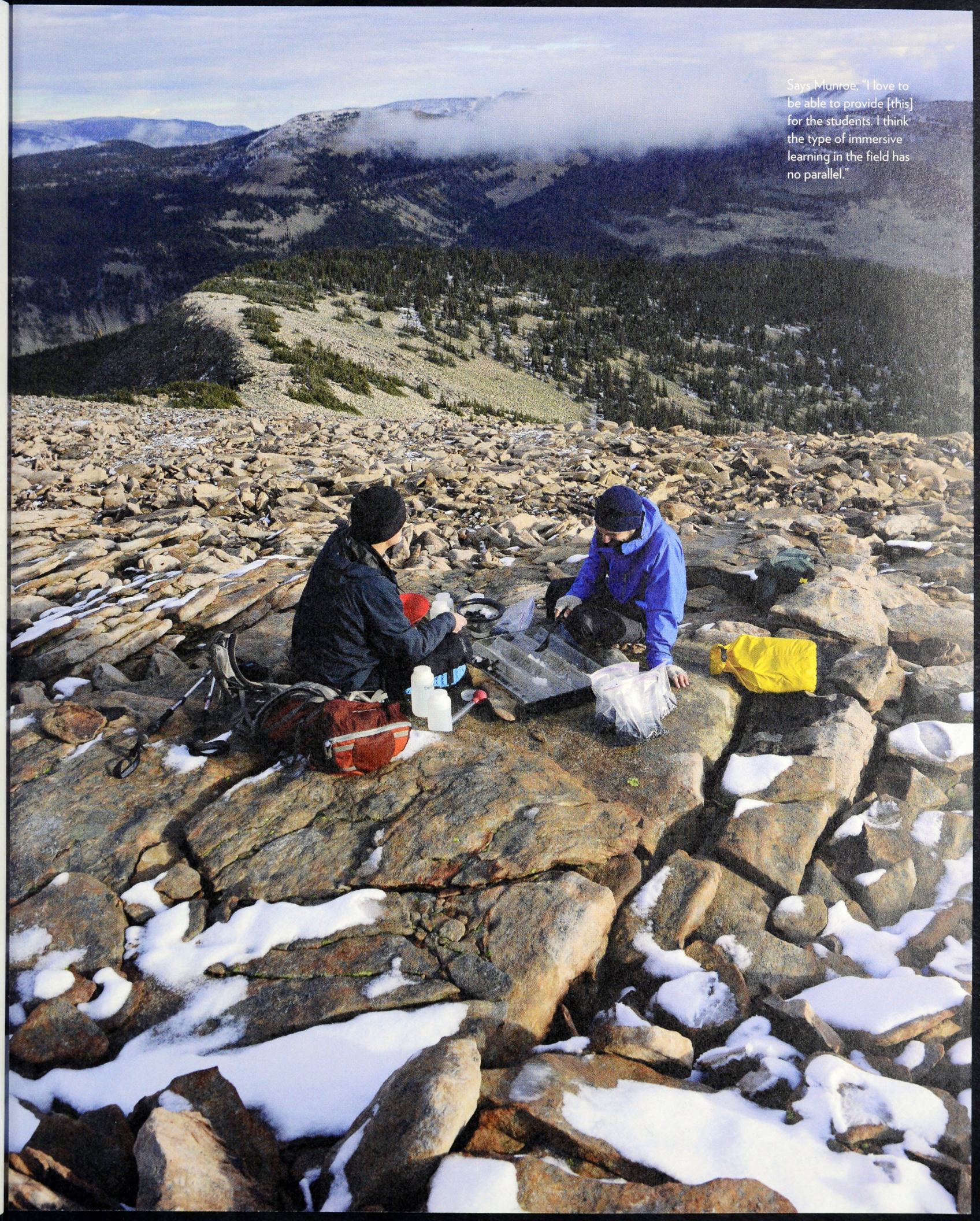

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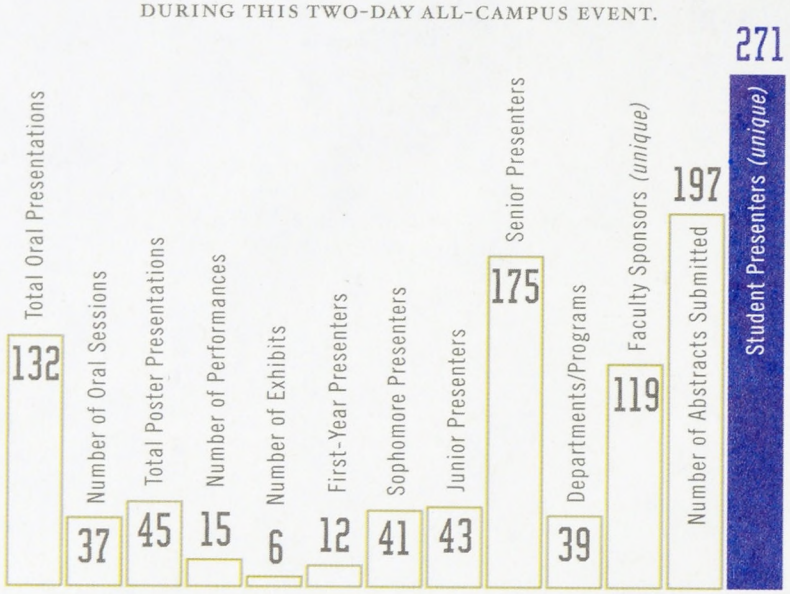
A GLIMPSE AT ACADEMIC RESEARCH IN 2014-15

» 2015 SPRING STUDENT SYMPOSIUM «

For the past decade, Middlebury students have gathered in May to present the results of their independent work during this two-day all-campus event.



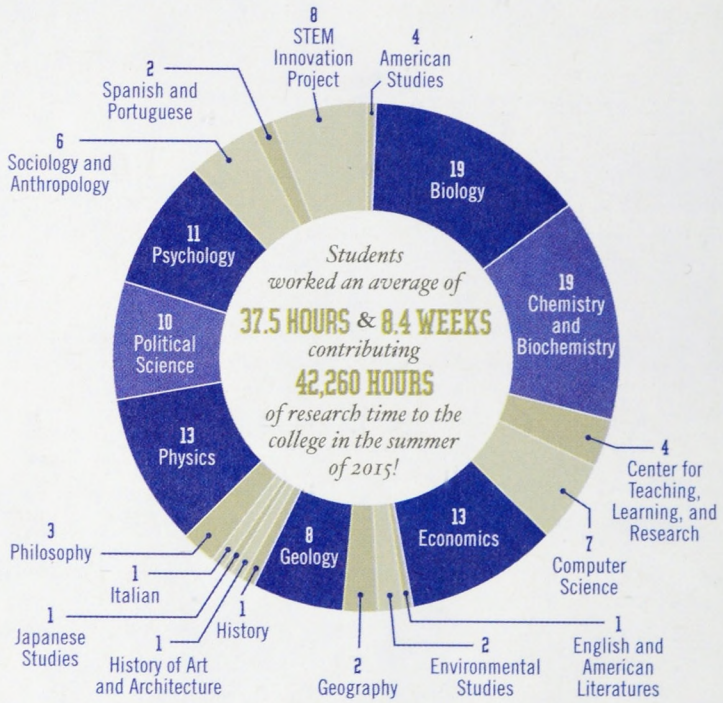
In 2015, there were an additional 29 students not counted officially as presenters in the program. They had studio art works on open display in Johnson, making the total students with work represented also over 300.

NUMBER OF PRESENTERS IN DEPARTMENTS/PROGRAMS

7 American Studies	1 Arabic	12 Biology	3 Chemistry and Biochemistry	5 Chinese	2 Classics and Classical Studies	1 Comparative Literature	3 Computer Science
1 Creative Writing	12 Dance	14 Economics	1 Education Studies	4 English and American Literatures	10 Environmental Studies	8 Film and Media Culture	1 Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies
3 Geography	10 History	25 History of Art and Architecture	4 Independent Scholar	5 International and Global Studies	8 International Politics and Economics	9 Japanese Studies	3 Literary Studies
6 Mathematics	3 Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	24 Music	15 Neuroscience	1 Philosophy	5 Physics	14 Political Science	13 Psychology
6 Religion	13 Sociology and Anthropology	1 Spanish and Portuguese	10 Studio Art	25 Theatre	1 Undeclared (Privilege and Poverty)	6 Writing Program	300 TOTAL PRESENTERS

» 2015 SUMMER RESEARCH ASSISTANT «

During the summer months of 2015, 134 students were involved in the Summer Research Program in the following general departments or programs:



» OH, THE PLACES THEY'LL GO «

Scholarly research will take Middlebury faculty throughout the United States and to all corners of the globe. Here's a snapshot of where faculty have either traveled in 2014-15 or will travel through a grant awarded in 2014-15.

INFOGRAPHIC BY POP CHART LAB

During any given academic year, most faculty and a number of undergraduates engage in research on the Middlebury campus and beyond. Here, we delve into the facts and figures that capture a year of research at a liberal arts college.

» WHO GETS WHAT, AND WHERE DOES IT GO? «

During the 2014-15 year, **40 GRANTS** were awarded to support projects for **35 FACULTY MEMBERS**.
(A few faculty members were awarded more than one grant. Also, some grants supported more than one faculty member.)
The total amount of funding exceeded ***$2 million***.

GRANTS BY DEPARTMENTS OR PROGRAMS

- 2 - American Studies
- 4 - Biology
- 1 - Classics
- 2 - Chemistry
- 1 - Chinese
- 1 - Dance
- 6 - Economics
- 1 - Education Studies
- 1 - Environmental Studies
- 1 - Film and Media Culture
- 1 - French
- 4 - Gender/Sexuality/Feminist Studies
- 2 - Geography
- 5 - Geology
- 3 - History
- 1 - History of Art and Architecture
- 1 - International Studies
- 1 - Linguistics
- 2 - Mathematics
- 2 - Music
- 6 - Physics
- 6 - Political Science
- 3 - Psychology
- 1 - Religion
- 4 - Sociology/Anthropology

GRANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES OUTSIDE A DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM

The Arts (Movement Matters, an interdisciplinary program based in dance, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation) · ***International Programs*** (Language in Motion, funded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation) · ***Library*** (Galvanizing the Digital Liberal Arts, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation) · ***School of Hebrew*** (The Culture of Language Colloquium, funded by the Israeli Institute)

DOMESTIC

Arkansas
California
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Idaho
Illinois
Louisiana
Maine
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
New York
Ohio
South Dakota
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
Washington, D.C.
West Virginia

INTERNATIONAL *

Argentina
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Belize
Bolivia
Bosnia
Brazil
Cameroon
Canada
Chile
China
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
France
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guadeloupe
Guatemala
Haiti
Hungary
Iceland
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Japan
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Kazakhstan
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Martinique
Mauritius
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Mozambique
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Singapore
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sweden
Switzerland
Taiwan
Thailand
Turkey
United Kingdom
Zimbabwe

WHO PROVIDED FUNDING OR SPONSORED FACULTY RESEARCH IN 2014-15?

American Philosophical Society · The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation · The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation · Biotherapeutix LLC · Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program · Classical Association of the Atlantic States · Collegium de Lyon · Consumer Financial Protection Bureau · Efficiency Vermont · European Institutes for Advanced Study Fulbright Scholar Program · Harvard Law School-Islamic Studies Program · Institute of Mathematics and Its Applications · International Center for Study of Institutions and Development · Israel Institute · Jack Miller Center Lintilhac Foundation · Louisville Institute · Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation · National Aeronautics & Space Administration, Hubble Observer Pgm. · National Endowment for the Arts · National Endowment for the Humanities · National Geographic Society · National Institute of Food and Agriculture · National Institute of Mental Health · National Science Foundation · OPERA America · The Reed Foundation · Research Corporation for Science Advancement · Slifka Foundation · Social Science & Humanities Research Council · Vermont Genetics Network · Yale University

IN ADDITION TO FUNDING SUPPORT FROM EXTERNAL GRANTS, FACULTY HAVE ACCESS TO A NUMBER OF INTERNAL FUNDING MECHANISMS, INCLUDING:

Faculty Professional Development Fund (FPDF) FPDF supports a wide variety of faculty activities, including: research expenses, travel to research sites, professional conferences and workshops, pedagogical and course development, additional training, and purchase of materials needed for teaching and research (that are not readily available).

Long-Term Professional Development Fund (LPDF) LPDF supports projects that are expected to continue for more than one year and up to five years.

Endowed Professorship Enrichment Funds Funds available to holders of endowed professorships to be used for research, field trips, and student projects.

Undergraduate Collaborative Research Fund (UCRF) UCRF is available to support faculty who need to hire undergraduates to further their research. Preference is given to non-science projects. UCRF funds are not available to help students in their own independent research projects.

Faculty Research Assistant Fund (FRAF) FRAF provides wages for student assistants for faculty scholarship or course development.

A NEW FRONTIER IN LIBERAL ARTS RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP: THE DIGITAL LIBERAL ARTS INITIATIVE (DLA)

The DLA is a campuswide opportunity for faculty to explore the digital methods that are changing scholarship and creative work, to discover new modes of collaboration, to learn new skills for research and pedagogy, and to discuss and debate what digital technologies mean for our teaching and scholarship.
Initial funding for the DLA came from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in the form of an $800,000 grant in 2014.

Current DLA projects include:

Sayaka Abe, Japanese, Connecting Language and Cultural Content: Developing and Analyzing Japanese Audio-Visual Materials · Christal Brown, Dance, Digital Choreographic Archive · Alex Draper, Theatre, Midd Wings Teleconference Performance · James Fitzsimmons, Sociology/Anthropology, Aerial Mapping Belize with Drones · Gigi Gatewood, Studio Art, Afrikan Magick Temple: Voodoo in Ghana · Daniel Houghton, Academic Technology/DLA, and Peter Hamlin, Music, Spring Peepers Installation · Amy Morsman, History, Worlds of Solomon Northup website · Michael Newbury, American Studies, and Daniel Houghton, Academic Technology/DLA, The Collinwood Fire of 1908 · Andrea Olsen and Scotty Hardwig, Dance, Body & Earth · Su Lian Tan, Music, Legends of Kintamani Cello Concerto and Animated Mural · Tom Van Order, Italian, Midd Italiano Online Text for Italian Courses

ASPEN
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By David Wolman '96

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Can a Place Like Aspen Go Green?

IN A POSH RESORT TOWN WHERE PRIVATE JETS ZIP IN AND OUT, MATTHEW HAMILTON '95 HAS AN ANSWER FOR ALL THE SKEPTICS OUT THERE.

ON A FEBRUARY MORNING at Aspen Highlands, Matthew Hamilton '95 makes fast time up the boot-packed trail to the 12,392-foot summit of Highland Bowl. It hasn't snowed in a while, but Hamilton—tall, gregarious, with a huge, toothy smile—is in good spirits. This is in part because his job requires him to go skiing and in part because the conversation is about green energy, a topic he could discuss long after the lifts have closed and après has begun.

For the past five years, Hamilton has been the sustainability director for Aspen Skiing Company (ASC), which runs the four ski resorts in and around Aspen, as well as properties throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. ASC is regarded as one of the most forward-looking companies in the business. *Outside* magazine and the Best Companies Group have made it a regular on their Best Places to Work list, and *Condé Nast Traveler* chose it as one of its top 10 destinations for eco-travel. The company, as well, has earned a slew of awards from local, state, and national organizations.

Hamilton's job is both to preserve that reputation and to improve upon it. His work takes him to sustainable tourism conferences around the world, as well as to Washington, D.C., to promote renewable energy initiatives and climate policy. You might find him chatting about compost with a ski lodge staffer, leading technical meetings about the output of snowmaking equipment, reviewing audits for various LEED certifications, or negotiating with sponsors like Red Bull about ways to green events like the X Games, which Aspen hosted in 2015.

In addition, Hamilton spearheads ASC's philanthropy work, directing the Environment Foundation. (Contributions come from ticket sales and employees who donate a few dollars from each paycheck to support local causes.) ASC also encourages its 3,400 employees to do two days of community volunteer work per year, which translates into a potential 15,500 hours.

Hang on, though. This is Aspen we're talking about. It's safe to say that billionaires flying private jets in and out of exclusive hamlets so they can, in an evening, blow $100,000 on imported wine and schuss down slopes chiseled from native forests don't constitute a victory for Mother Nature. It's all well and good that the on-mountain restaurants stock recycled napkins and offer locally sourced beef, or that Skico's Limelight Hotel urges guests to go easy on the laundry. But considering the colossal and urgent challenges climate change poses, one could conclude that sustainability at a posh ski resort is code for greenwashing.

Yet Hamilton's work—and his response to this specific criticism—suggests a less cynical reality. "We are aware of our impact and constantly work to mitigate it," he says.

Despite the elevation at Highland Bowl, Hamilton doesn't sound at all winded. As we hike, he ticks through an exhaustive list of solar, water-conservation, and energy-efficiency initiatives that ASC has undertaken. Then he pauses, looking out west toward the summit of Snowmass and the jagged peaks of the Maroon Bells.

"If you define sustainability as being in business forever, then changing light bulbs, composting, etc., is good and fine. But if you don't do the rest of it, you're just scratching the surface. What's the point?" By "the rest of it," Hamilton means making the move from operational greening efforts to advocacy.

"We can have our biggest impact through leveraging our brand and the influence of our guests, pushing for substantive action on climate and energy policy."

HAMILTON FIRST BEGAN considering this distinction as an undergraduate studying political science and environmental studies, and then during graduate studies in public policy at Georgetown. At the end of the day, he says, winter recreation is just that. Even if Aspen were miraculously to become a net-negative consumer of power, water, gas, food, and so on, climate change based on current national and international rates of fossil fuel burning will continue apace, which threatens the livelihoods and lives of tens—perhaps hundreds—of millions of people. All of which makes the greening of ski area operations sound somewhere between cute and irrelevant.

Yet the Aspen name is not irrelevant. "Meaningful action happens in the halls of our statehouses, board rooms of electrical utilities, and the halls of Congress," says Hamilton. ASC employees and guests might measure the company's sincerity by its offering of recycled napkins. "But we can have our biggest impact through leveraging our brand and the influence of our guests, pushing for substantive action on climate and energy policy." So last year, swapping out his telemark gear for a gray suit and purple tie, Hamilton spent a day lobbying on Capitol Hill. ASC has joined a coalition of businesses that includes Nike, Starbucks, Patagonia, and Unilever in advocating for energy and climate legislation.

CLOSER TO HOME. Hamilton's team does have plenty to boast about. ASC has pledged to reduce its CO_2 emissions to 25 percent of its 2000 levels by 2020. The 147kW solar-electric system ASC built on a nearby ranch is the largest such system in the ski industry, and ASC has lent support to several wind and solar developments throughout the region.

The flagship project isn't located near the ski slopes or fancy stores at Aspen Mountain's base. It's beside a coal mine in the tiny town of Somerset, 70 miles southwest of Aspen along the Gunnison River. In a partnership with local mining and energy companies, ASC has spent $5.5 million on the country's largest facility for converting methane from coal mines into usable electricity.

Methane gas is pumped out of mines to protect miners. And almost all mining operations release that gas into the atmosphere. Unfortunately, methane is a far more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. In fact, it's 25 times more potent. The idea of capturing it and putting it to better use is not new, but only a few such plants exist in the U.S. The plant in Somerset produces 24 million kilowatt hours—roughly what ASC uses annually. The other benefit, of course, is doing away with methane that would otherwise drift up into the atmosphere. For Hamilton, this project exemplifies what it means to move beyond amorphous notions of sustainability to deliver actual economic and environmental results.

Hamilton, however, rejects the idea that gestures—on-mountain placards about climate change, fuel efficient snow-grooming machines, or even those napkins—are only superficial gestures meant to burnish a company's image or assuage a resource-devouring clientele's guilt. "Every initiative taken by a business is an important step towards reducing that company's impact." True, two kilowatts of solar on a building that requires 412,000 kilowatts is a drop in the bucket. "But when coupled with educational information and touted publicly, even those two kilowatts can be a powerful influencer of behavior and conversation that in turn motivates larger actions in an employee's or guest's life."

Aspen's influential clientele can also magnify the impact of these gestures.

Brands, along with the eco-conscientiousness people inevitably encounter during their stay, influence guests whether they're conscious of it or not. "If they have a chance to look up from their smartphones," says Hamilton, "they will bump into a message—about climate change, about mining rights, about lighting, about water conservation." Hopefully these messages affect people—even long after their ski vacation has ended.

Back at Highland Bowl's summit, Hamilton offers to take photos for a few fellow skiers, then tightens his boots for a run down more than 1,000 vertical feet of soft, wind-blown snow. Before we set in, he shares an anecdote about a recent exchange with a reporter from London who was writing about carbon footprints and ski vacations. He had emailed Hamilton some straightforward questions about eco-friendly operations, and Hamilton, as always, was happy to talk about the good work ASC is doing regarding sustainability.

But the journalist's final question was trickier: because some 75 percent of the carbon emissions from winter sports can be attributed to travel, wouldn't it be better for the planet if skiers and snowboarders from Europe didn't fly to Colorado and instead vacationed closer to home?

Hamilton's answer: Yes, but.

"My initial response was, 'Yeah, he's right.' People should minimize their carbon footprint vacation closer to home." That isn't the whole picture, though. "If a skier really cares about the climate issue, then he has to couple good decisions like skiing locally with broader personal activism on the politics of climate change." That activism, Hamilton believes, has to include demanding of the resorts we patron both environmentally progressive practices and efforts to move the public-policy needle. "At the end of the day, I think we differentiate ourselves with activism, lobbying, and action on the ground."

And then he took off down the hill. M

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By Sarah Tuff Dunn '95
Photographs by Erin Little

What It Means to Be Kelly Brush

A decade removed from a ski-racing accident that left her paralyzed, a young woman navigates a new course.

Were this a true celebrity profile, one of those longform pieces you'd read in *Vanity Fair* accompanied by black-and-white Annie Leibovitz photos, we might see Kelly Brush Davisson '08 lounging poolside at the Château Marmont, ordering a glass of something bubbly as she tosses back her hair and toys with her watercress salad.

Instead, picture this: Central Provisions in Portland, Maine, where Brush, 29, dressed in a fuzzy champagne-colored sweater, asks for a ginger ale. She's starving—but she'll pass on the bluefin tuna crudo, opting to tuck into the pickles and an apple salad instead. This isn't just because Kelly, a nurse practitioner at Martin's Point Health Care, is on call—she's pregnant. (Her iPhone keeps lighting up with texts from various relatives who've just heard the news.)

It's early November, a Tuesday evening that feels like a Friday night because tomorrow is Kelly's day off from work. She and her husband, 30-year-old Zeke Davisson '08, have plans to spend it walking their dog, Lexi, and getting their car windshield replaced.

A fellow diner interrupts the conversation, recognizing Kelly and her wheelchair. "I went to Middlebury with you!" she exclaims in delight.

And that's how it is being around Kelly Brush, who, 10 years after catching an edge while skiing the GS at the Williams Carnival, has become a literal poster child for ski-racing safety. But really this celebrity is just like us.

Kelly first strapped on skis when she was two years old. In the beginning, she was darting around the trails at Bolton, Vermont, and soon after, she was on the flanks of 4,393-foot Mount Mansfield at Stowe. Often she was rushing to keep up with her older sister, Lindsay, and the children of close family friends. It was her first taste of ski racing, with more official races on the immediate horizon.

"Kelly won everything when she was seven years old," says her mother, Mary Seaton Brush, during an interview at their Charlotte, Vermont, home. "She won so much she was immediately going to the Olympics in her mind." And for good reason. Mary, a University of Vermont graduate and former U.S. Ski Team athlete, competed in the 1976 Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, and she encouraged the racing life for her two girls. "Traveling and racing all over the world was so meaningful, so exciting, so much fun," she says. "I really wanted them to have those life experiences." The trophies and plaques decorating the Brush home speak to

those experiences: entire walls given over to ski-racing photos that range from black-and-white to faded '80s colors to the bright neon of the '90s.

"As an athlete, Kelly was just fearless," says her sister, Lindsay Brush Getz '07, who now directs operations at Summit Property Management and Green Mountain Development, a pair of family-owned companies in South Burlington. "She just had this ability to go for it, no matter what."

Eventually, Olympic aspirations became tempered, but the Brush girls remained fierce racers, attending the Green Mountain Valley School ski academy and then Middlebury, where their father, Charlie Brush '69, had skied and then coached for 10 years. Mary shows off a collage that Kelly made in sixth grade: laminated photos of Mead Chapel, Woody Jackson cows, and February graduation at the Middlebury Snow Bowl.

Kelly says she never felt pressured to follow both her father and sister to Middlebury. It felt natural for her to replace the dream of Olympic glory with dreams of racing at the Snow Bowl.

As we tour her home, Mary shows me the adjoining wheelchair-accessible apartment overlooking a glittering pond. This is where Kelly and Zeke stay when they visit, and it's decorated with posters of *Casablanca* and *Gone with the Wind*, a tribute to Kelly's film major. There are also two shelves that run high on the walls lined with Vermont Teddy Bears. "Those came to her at Berkshire Hospital," Mary says of the stuffed animals.

Berkshire was the first hospital.

"The first couple of days, they said it could just be swelling, and it could go down," says Mary. We're sitting at the kitchen table now, and she grows momentarily silent after I ask her what the lowest low of the last 10 years has been. "Then the doctor said we're going to need to turn her so she doesn't get bed sores. All of a sudden her future became clear. 'Is this real?' So that was it, probably when I first realized that she wasn't . . ."

Tears, on both sides of the table, interrupt our conversation.

FEBRUARY 18, 2006. Kelly's excited to race, having for the first time just beaten her older sister in a GS race and having been selected from a large and very competitive squad to represent Middlebury at the Williams Carnival. It's a "perfect ski-racing day," she notes—cold but clear, blue skies and grippy, solid racecourse conditions.

Kelly's coaches and teammates are anticipating her run. Forest Carey '00, the Middlebury alpine coach from 2003–2006, often speaks about superstar athletes who find another gear on race day. He mentions Ted Ligety, Bode Miller, Julia Mancuso—all of whom he's coached in his stint as U.S. Ski Team head coach.

"You can talk about technique and athleticism, lactate threshold, all that," Carey says. "But it's about on-demand execution—those who ski better when they race than when they are training."

Eighty percent of all ski racers don't have this, he adds. But Kelly is one of the twenty percent who does. And as she tips into the Williams racecourse, she's looking great in the eyes of her coach and dad, Charlie, who is watching from the slope.

"And then I see her spin," he says.

Charlie pauses and a sob gets caught in his throat. (The tears don't always come, Mary has mentioned, making one dinner at Fire & Ice, when Kelly was readjusting to campus life in a wheelchair, all the more difficult. "Kelly didn't cry very much," recalls Mary. "The rest of us cried around her, so when she started crying, we all started bawling. The poor waitress!")

At Williams, Charlie skis down to where Kelly lies on the snow and flings himself down next to her. He'd seen the fence she tore through. He'd seen the sturdy lift tower that seemed to break her body. He knows something is terribly wrong, and he shouts to wake up his daughter.

"Kelly, Dad's here!"

Almost immediately, he realizes his daughter is not breathing.

"The most frightening point in my life," he would later say.

AUGUST 4, 2012. Lindsay, the "meticulous drawer" as a child, the crafty one, has been planning her little sister's wedding to Zeke Davisson, a fellow ski racer, at the Charlotte Congregational Church. The reception will be at the Old Lantern, an 1800s barn where more than 200 guests will watch Zeke spin Kelly in her wheelchair during their first dance. The first-dance song, "Broken Road," by Rascal Flatts is a not-so-inside ski-racing joke.

"It was an extra sappy song, but we're not that sentimental," recalls Zeke. "I just tried to keep my toes from getting run over."

"I had a crush on Zeke right from the start," says Kelly during an interview in their three-bedroom home in Cumberland, Maine. Signs with Snow Bowl trail names and a shot-ski emblazoned with Z and K—mementos from the wedding—rest against an open fireplace.

Zeke, who grew up in Maine and attended Gould Academy, competed on the same circuit as the Brush sisters. He even shared a podium with Kelly when they were in high school, though neither remembered this until they noticed it many years later while looking at old pictures.

The two both played JV soccer at Middlebury and would walk to practice together. By midwinter of Kelly's first year, they were a couple. There was no "meet cute," as in the movies, but the way they finish each other's sentences and bicker playfully about the details of memories from college *is* somewhat cinematic and endearing.

During their walk at the Twin Brook Recreation Center with Lexi, an energetic Vizsla, Zeke pushes Kelly's chair at the trail's rough parts. (While Kelly is independent and shares domestic duties of cooking and cleaning with her husband, Zeke has a sixth sense for when she might need help.) One imagines it's akin to how he carried her and her chair to just the right spot on Katama Beach on Martha's Vineyard when he proposed, or how he wheeled Kelly throughout Europe—Iceland, Ireland, London, Paris, the French Riviera, the Loire Valley—on their honeymoon.

"He is an amazing man," Charlie says of Zeke.

"He doesn't open up about the details of what he said to her in the hospital," says Mary. "He might have said, 'You're going to be fine.'"

But whatever Zeke said at Kelly's bedside, for the days and then weeks at Berkshire Hospital and next at Denver's Craig Rehabilitation Hospital, he helped soften the harsh edges of Kelly's reality: a collapsed lung, a fractured vertebra, four fractured ribs, and, at the T 7/8 level, a severe spinal cord injury.

"I was really, really thirsty. I was so thirsty, I said, 'Can I have some water?'" Kelly recalls of first waking in the ER after the injury.

She was annoyed and confused, too, by everyone asking her if she could feel her feet. And why did she need an MRI and a CAT scan?

"My mom told me that I had hurt my back. I don't have any memory of someone telling me, 'You're paralyzed. You'll probably never walk again.'"

"It was a much slower process," Kelly says.

After 18 days at Berkshire—five of which Kelly was confined to the intensive care unit—she was flown to Denver for two-and-a-half months of learning how to navigate her new life.

Seeing so many people struggling with disabilities crushed her father. "This was not a happy place," he says.

He felt helpless to stand witness to it. "Because the struggle," he says, "is way more intense than you could possibly even know. In Colorado, I saw 75 percent of the families run over by the situation." These families couldn't handle it, he says, and they walked away.

December 3, 2015. Kelly is a pediatric nurse practitioner, an experience born not from her time adjusting to the T 7/8 fracture, but partly from when Kelly was young and her mom would watch *Rescue 911*. Mary had wanted to practice medicine, and so she'd tune in to the show after the girls had finished their elementary school homework. "Kelly immediately decided she wanted to be a doctor," says Mary with a laugh.

As well, starting when Kelly was seven—the same time she began ski racing—she would visit her grandmother in a Michigan nursing home. Some girls might have been spooked, says Mary, but not her daughter, who was radiant. "All these people were trying to touch Kelly, reaching out."

"She's always been caring and compassionate," says Lindsay, who fielded her sister's unsure calls after Kelly took her first job after graduation at ESPN, which was a thrilling opportunity but perhaps not the right fit. "In the spring, she said, 'I have this epiphany. I know what I want to do.'"

Working with children fills Kelly's days and fulfills her. "When I really help someone, and they really take what I say to heart, that's satisfying," she says. Up early for breakfast with Zeke, she leaves the house by 7:15 for work. When she gets home, she showers, eats dinner with her husband, and goes to bed by 9:30 p.m. She dreams.

"I dream both ways," she says. "Actually, three ways: Either just being in a chair like normal; or not in a chair at all, and that's also normal. The third comes in waves. It's like, if you try really hard, then you can walk! And in my dream, I'll be like, 'Zeke, check this out, all you have to do is try really hard.' Oh, wouldn't it be nice if it were that easy!"

These are fun dreams, she says with a laugh. The frustrations have already happened: first with that terrible thirst and then in Denver when Zeke had to coax her to learn how to get dressed. "It was learning to do everyday things," she says.

That summer of 2006, Kelly was in the new accessible apartment in her parents' Charlotte home, catching up on studies so she could return to Middlebury as a junior in the fall. "The first semester was hard," she says, "trying to figure out how to get to and from classes. There were certain hills I couldn't get up on my own. Twilight!"

By the time the snow fell, however, Kelly was really strong wheeling up those hills. "She'd be looking at me like, 'What are you doing, panting?'" says her close friend Rachel Bearman'08. "She was taking classes, going to parties, a continuation of all the things we did as friends before."

Even though Kelly could no longer race, she had role models like Paralympians Chris Waddell '91 and Sarah Will, and she soon discovered opportunities through her innate drive and was aided by modified athletic equipment. (Kelly would forerun the Middlebury Carnival as a senior. And she now plays tennis and golf, and handcycles, sails, and surfs in addition to skiing.)

In the fall of 2006, Forest Carey and the Middlebury Ski Team organized a 100-mile bike ride to help raise money for Kelly to purchase adaptive sports equipment. But when the community donated an astounding $60,000-plus, the family knew they had the makings of something bigger. That year, they launched the Kelly Brush Foundation, hoping to alter competitive ski racing by addressing safety in a way no other organization had attempted.

"Kelly's accident, although so tragic for our family, and so tragic for her," says Charlie, "started a movement that essentially changed the world of ski racing."

The nonprofit now oversees the Kelly Brush Ride, an event that has grown from about 25 riders to more than 700 and that raised more than $380,000 in 2015, along with Inspire! fundraising events in Vermont and Boston. The Kelly Brush Foundation also provides grants for adaptive sports equipment and ski-racing safety initiatives. Zeke, a former attorney, is at the helm. He stepped into the executive director role in November 2014.

"When we first started, we said we were going to commit to a cure," says Zeke. "The cure thing: everyone says that right away, because you can't picture life in a wheelchair. But you don't put your life on pause until the day they find a cure. The beauty of Kelly's story isn't that she has dedicated her whole life to spinal-cord issues. The beauty is she got injured and went right back to living her life, just in a wheelchair. She went back to school, graduated on time, tried a career, didn't like it, went back to school, another career. A very normal path. That is what is interesting and unique."

May 13, 2016. The due date for Kelly and Zeke's baby. How do they picture life in a wheelchair with a baby to care for?

"I've been Googling a lot!" says Kelly, laughing as she places dirty coffee cups in their Maine kitchen sink and then shows off her laundry room, all routine parts of a regular existence.

A celebrity? She gives me a look like, *get real*. She'd rather talk about the fellow recipients—Steve Young, Madeleine Albright, Billie Jean King—she met in Washington, D.C., when she won the NCAA Inspiration Award in 2009.

"I might be the poster child for ski-racing safety and the foundation," she admits. "But the fact that we've been able to live life normally: I hope people look at that and think *that's* really cool. That's OK with me. And if they don't, that's also OK with me."

The couple are unsure about some aspects of their future. They're considering moving back to Vermont, closer to the slopes where Kelly first learned to carve, with visions of their child learning to ski, and maybe to race, if that should be an interest.

"I worry about if we're going to find a house to live in. I worry about if the baby's going to be healthy," admits Kelly. "I worry about if I'm going to be able to take care of the baby well: can I get them on and off the floor, in and out of the car?"

But they also display an assuredness and grace that comes from living through the past 10 years. Kelly is aware of life's shadows but inclined to look for the light.

"Let me tell you a final story that is about resilience, and remaining awake, in body, mind and spirit."

New Middlebury president Laurie Patton said this at her Convocation address last September when using the Kelly Brush Ride as a call to action: "How long will you dwell in distraction—focused on what you are not—instead of getting on with the glorious business of being who you are?"

February 18, 2016. The 10-year anniversary of Kelly's injury. What will the Brush family do? Charlie's 70th and Mary's 60th birthdays are coming up, along with Kelly's 30th, so they have many reasons to celebrate. But with the baby on the way, plans are up in the air.

But February 18 will be a day of joy. "It's always a celebration," says Kelly. "Every year, we celebrate. We don't have remorse."

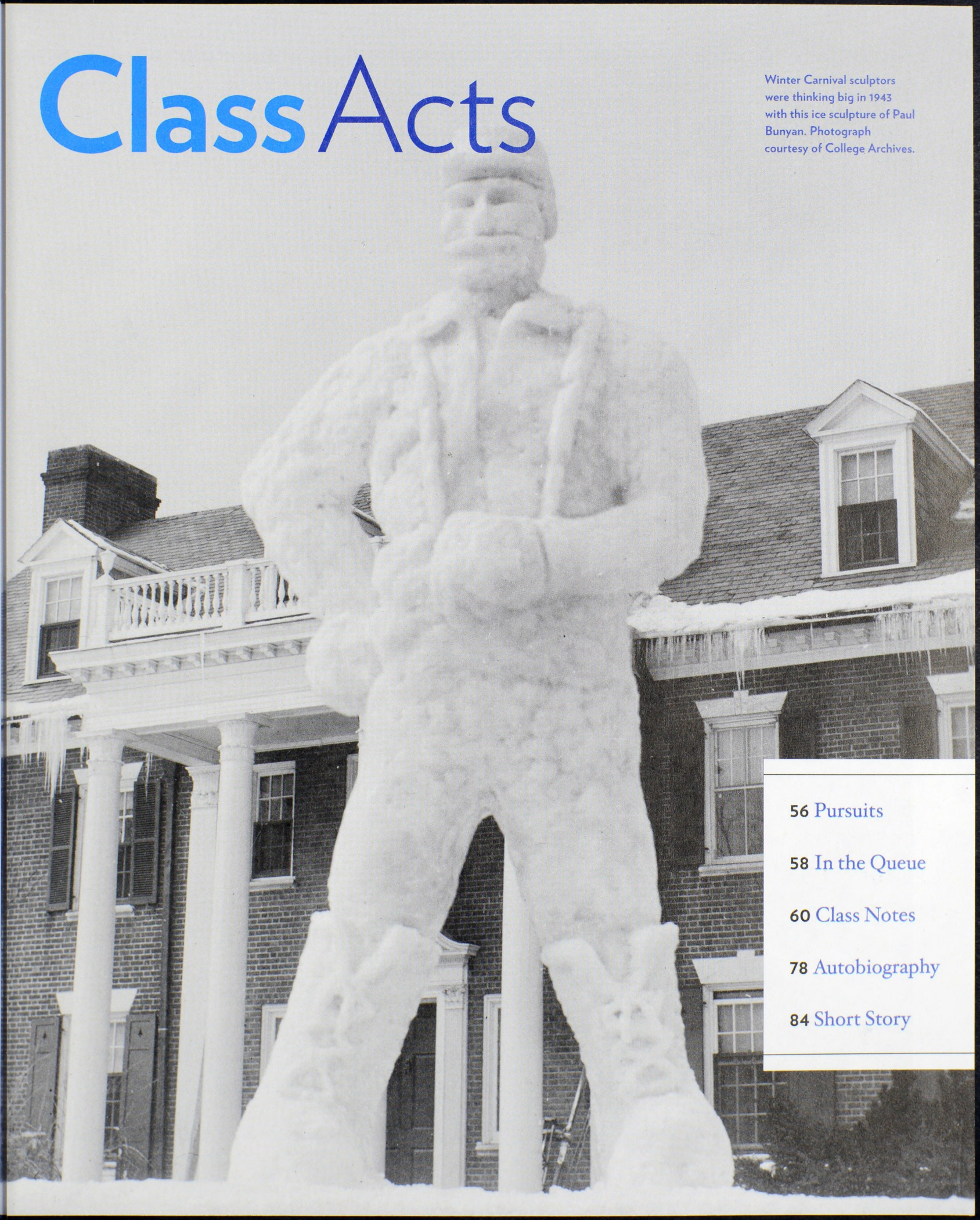
And that is the glorious business of being Kelly Brush.

"I don't know how you script this any better," says Charlie. He refers to a poster that features Kelly smiling, along with the phrase "Embracing adversity, conquering challenge." It reminds him of Kelly skiing in miserable conditions and refusing to complain.

"What you do is, you say, 'It's not a rainy day, it's a good day.' And that's what Kelly has done—take the bright side," he says. "That's the way she gets up every day." M

Class Acts

Winter Carnival sculptors were thinking big in 1943 with this ice sculpture of Paul Bunyan. Photograph courtesy of College Archives.



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CURTIS
U.S. NAVY
SAIL IS SAFE
CONTACT DUTY OFFICER PRIOR TO ENTRY

By Dick Anderson

The Chaplain

It's not every chaplain who gets to christen a 7,800-ton, 377-foot newborn. But that's what Lieutenant Commander Daniel Curtis '87 found himself doing in Newport News, Virginia, on September 6, 2014, for the dedication of the USS *John Warner*, a nuclear-powered fast-attack submarine, with hundreds in attendance, including the five-term U.S. senator. "Open our eyes, we pray, to see Your handiwork in every bolt turned, every plate welded, in every wire spliced, every drop of paint spread over the ship that rises before us, as surely as we see Your handiwork in the seas she sails," Curtis said in his invocation.

An ordained minister since 1992, Curtis began a second career as an officer in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps in 2007, just under the corps' cutoff age of 42. He has been deployed with Seabees and Marines in peacetime and combat operations in both Afghanistan and Iraq, including seven months onboard a guided-missile cruiser.

These days Curtis presides over a congregation of 1,500 seamen and 10 submarines as chaplain of Submarine Squadron 6 in Norfolk, Virginia. Most of this work is done at surface level. While a full deployment on a submarine might run six months, there simply aren't enough chaplains to go around—the total number in the corps is less than 850—and when he does take his ministry underwater, Curtis will typically join a vessel at its last port of deployment for the journey home. "The camaraderie and sense of community is far deeper when you've been to sea with somebody than when you're just visiting them," he says.

As a double major in political science and religion at Middlebury, Curtis was considering going into the ministry as four generations of family before him had—"It was a combination of appreciation for my dad's legacy [Lawrence Curtis '57, a retired pastor and political science major] and my grandfather [Commander Ralph Curtis, who served in the Navy for 20 years]"—but he wasn't convinced that pure parish life was his calling.

After completing seminary school in the Chicago area, Curtis received his first pastoral assignment with a United Methodist church in Columbus, Ohio. That was followed by a five-and-a-half-year stint at Grace United Methodist Church in Lima, Ohio, pork-rind capital of the United States and "a small city with all the big-city challenges," including drug and alcohol addiction and a host of other problems from depression to mental health and family issues.

It was good preparation for the Navy Chaplain Corps. "Probably 80 percent of my counseling isn't specifically religious," says Curtis, who teaches a class every Wednesday for new enlistees to address the challenges of submarine life. "There's a reason why submariners get paid a little extra: the danger, the cramped quarters, the limitations on communications with loved ones ashore. A number of things make it a particularly challenging lifestyle in the submarine world."

For all the situations he has faced on the job, none was more difficult than the suicide of his son, 20-year-old Jonathan, in Toledo in May 2012. Curtis was stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when word reached him of Jonathan's death. After coming home for the funeral, he was reassigned to a pool of chaplains for smaller ships in the Norfolk area prior to getting his current assignment in July 2013.

While Curtis and other chaplains are strictly noncombatants and do not carry weapons—"it's not 'Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition'"—they are serving a military community. And some people, he admits, don't like that idea. From his perspective, Curtis sees "a profound need and a really exciting mission field" to carry out his military chaplaincy. "I don't like war, either," he says, "but I very much like the opportunity to walk with people who are serving their country." M

PARALLELS

TOOLS OF THE TRADE
Whether it's the inner-city ministry of his youth or a distant field in Afghanistan, Curtis is certain to carry the tools of his trade. (The Bible is opened to Psalm 139, which includes this passage: "If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.") He picked up the chalice and paten pictured here in Nazareth on a visit to Haifa Port in Israel in 2011. After six years with the Navy based out of Norfolk, Curtis will depart for Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, this summer and attach to the Marine regiment in September.

ON THE TRAIL
Together with his eldest son, Aaron, Curtis is hiking the Appalachian Trail. It's a work in progress: "Neither one of us can take six months off to do it all in one shot, so we started at the Georgia end a few years ago and take a week off each spring and get in 100 miles or so." (Aaron, 26, is a software developer and electrical engineer in the Cincinnati area.) An enthusiastic hiker growing up, Curtis's time at Middlebury reinforced his love of the outdoors: "I tend to look for mountains rather than just flat hikes." Considering that he spends a lot of time below the surface on the job, "you've got to even it out," he adds with a laugh.

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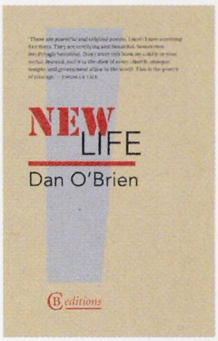
BOOK REVIEW

Poetry of War



A poet writes of war, violence, and of two men trying to make sense of their experiences through companionship.

By Janice Obuchowski

In the early '90s, war reporter Paul Watson captured a photograph of a dead U.S. airman being mauled in Mogadishu. He won the Pulitzer for it, but taking this picture made him feel haunted by that soldier's ghost.

In 2007, writer Dan O'Brien '96 heard Watson on the radio speaking of his experiences and began corresponding with him, eventually writing *Body of an American*, a play about two characters—Dan O'Brien and Paul Watson—that examines Watson's preoccupations with the soldier he photographed and with war.

O'Brien continued in this meta-fictional vein with *War Reporter*, a book of poems about Watson's traumas as he witnessed wartime violence. And now in *New Life*, a second volume of poetry, O'Brien extends these themes.

O'Brien writes many of the poems in *New Life* in Watson's voice—the war reporter describing past wartime images. The poems also concern Watson and O'Brien's current lives. At the time Watson was in Afghanistan and Syria; O'Brien's wife was pregnant. The two men were pitching a TV drama about journalists reporting on ISIS, so Hollywood is also an occasional topic.

What emerges is a book about the temperament of memory, an examination of how trauma lingers. And more abstractly, the writing also investigates how one person can mediate another's experiences.

Consider "The War Reporter Paul Watson Knows." In it, O'Brien writes as if Watson were directly addressing the poet. This lets us hear Watson—what he considers a joke, how his mind roves: "Really makes me wish / I were your age, Dan, and childless. Two hands / for firing my Kalashnikov. Meet me / on the road to Damascus, if you catch / my drift. Ha ha ha. And another thing: / is our TV pitch likely to happen / this summer?"

ILLUSTRATION BY THE HEADS OF STATE

Now contrast this colloquial voice with lines from "The War Reporter Paul Watson Rewinds the Film." O'Brien repeats "before this" to create a compressed, backward-moving logic. He is displaying Watson trying to understand the origins of violence. "Because before this Black Hawks poured / cannon fire until that compound became / a cairn. For clan elders. All to abduct / the warlord Aideed. Tipped off before this." Language as well becomes heightened. "Because before this / Mogadishu was pure. Villas washed white / sands like brand new bandages." Notice the alliteration of "washed white" and the assonance—the repeated bright "ah" sound—in "sands like brand new bandages."

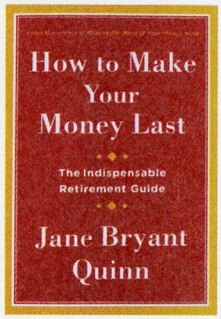
In this poem, artifice is the thing. O'Brien captures the terribleness of Watson's experiences and yet also—through formal devices—elevates them, giving them force and power.

New Life is an examination of war, of violence, and of two men trying to make sense of their experiences through their companionship. As well, it's a kind of double portrait, an investigation into the minds of both the poet and the war reporter. M

EXCERPT

"The War Reporter Paul Watson on the Link"

I don't believe in ghosts that come rattling / to your bedside. Enmossed, enchained, Last night / my boy was begging me to sit with him / while he took his bath. But there's no such thing / as ghosts, I lied to him. Because truth is / I live with one. And I don't see him but / I'm forever feeling this need to feed / his hunger to be remembered. Our link / to killing has been broken. So we kill / too easily now. He did what he believed / was right at the time, shooting Somalis / from the sky. And I did what I believed / was right at the time, clicking my shutter / on his death. And in that instant our link / got fixed on his death. And in that instant our link got fixed.



Money Matters

By Sara Thurber Marshall

Jane Bryant Quinn '60 has long been a trusted voice of expertise when it comes to managing personal finances. Her book of practical financial advice, *Making the Most of Your Money*, is a best-selling classic, and she has written countless columns on the subject, as well as several other guides, read by millions. She has also worked extensively on television, sharing her knowledge on investing and finance. Adding now to her many contributions to the field is *How to Make Your Money Last: The Indispensable Retirement Guide*.

In her introduction, Quinn points out the challenges of figuring out your financial plan once paychecks stop and you're relying only on your available income and savings. With people living longer than ever before, it's hard to know what kind of standard of living you can achieve and how to make your money last. Quinn began to look for information on the subject and, not finding much, or—at best—finding bad advice, she decided to do the research herself. The result is a comprehensive guide with topics ranging from how to prepare for retirement to how to get the most from health insurance. She covers the speed limit on retirement spending, powering your savings plans, investing, your income-producing home, and more. She helps answer the daunting questions that surround retirement finances.

Once again, Quinn has produced a book full of sound financial advice with steps you can begin to follow even before retirement. It is, indeed, an indispensable guide for a new phase of life. M

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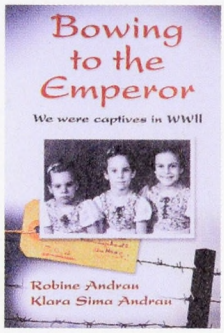
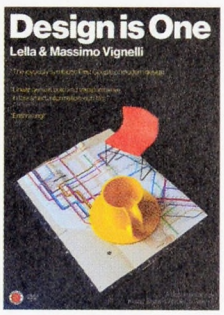
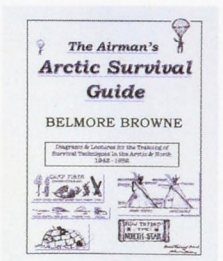


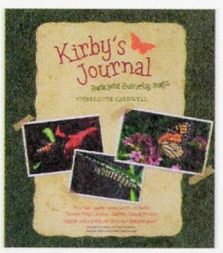
ROBINE ANDRAU
KLARA SIMA ANDRAU
Bowing to the Emperor
From various sources—including her mother's diary and her father's documents—Robine Andrau '59 tells the harrowing story of her family's experiences in prison camps in Indonesia and Japan during WWII.



KATHY BREW
ROBERTO GUERRA
Design is One
This informative documentary by Kathy Brew '75 and her late husband, Roberto Guerra, brings to life two of the world's most influential designers, Lella and Massimo Vignelli, who helped shape the field of design in the second half of the 20th century.



ISABEL BROWNE DRISCOLL
PETER MASON DRISCOLL
The Airman's Arctic Survival Guide
Peter '72 and Isabel Browne Driscoll '74 have compiled diagrams and lectures prepared by Isabel's grandfather, Belmore Browne, for the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942–1952.



CHARLOTTE CALDWELL
Kirby's Journal
In this children's book, Charlotte Caldwell '74 shares the magic of nature through 11-year-old Kirby as she chronicles the life cycle of butterflies, and much more, with colorful photographs and entertaining journal entries.

ClassActs

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In the winter of 1936 I remember walking from Forest Hall to the old gym. The temperature was 25 degrees below zero and the wind was blowing from the west. By the time I reached the gym to take a midterm exam, I could hardly write because my hands were so cold plus the gym was cold. These many years later I wonder if that situation might not happen because of climate change? Does anyone care to respond to that in a letter to the editor?

—Class Correspondent: Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 100 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.

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The night before football games we used to collect boxes and lumber and have a bonfire. We gathered and introduced the team members, sang a few songs, and wished the players good luck and great playing. My roommate Newcomb and I went out for freshman football. Neither of us had played football and we did not learn fast. Duke Nelson was the freshman football coach and he heaved a sigh of relief when I informed him that I did not think football was for me and my roommate. I took up skiing. I can't remember what Newcomb took up. It was a good choice for me because I skied all over New England and continued when my four children took it up.

—Class Correspondent: A. Roger Clarke (arogerclarke@aol.com), 7 Rundel Park, Rochester, NY 14607.

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Sally Nothnagle Tefft was recently profiled in the *Journal-Press* of Greenwich, N.Y. Since last May she has been creating her own works of art under the instruction of artist Elizabeth Cockey and an exhibition of her paintings, entitled *A Wonderful Life,* was on display for the month of December in the Hedbring Community Room at the Greenwich Free Library. She says, "I am the new Grandma Moses. Only I am going to outlive her!"

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REUNION CLASS Our 75th reunion is June 10–12. We hope you can make it back to campus! Meanwhile, please send us your news to share with classmates.

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If you have any news you would like to share, please send it to me. I send my best wishes to my classmates.

—Class Correspondent: Nancy Hall Whitehouse (whitehousenancy@ymail.com), 75 State St., Unit 61, Portland, ME 04101.

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Correspondent **Jean Jordan Sheild** reports: I had an unexpected phone call from my ex-roomie, **Carolyn Ohlander DePodwin**, singing me "Happy Birthday" in August. What a nice surprise! She continues to do well in spite of minimal eyesight. She finds continuing to live at Arbor View in Pompton Plains, N.J., very pleasant and takes walks every day around the grounds. We compared news of our families and found that both of us will be adding a new great-granddaughter this winter! She shared amazing news about her daughter, Peggy, who lives in Connecticut. Peggy and fiancé John went with a biking group from Burlington, Vt., north around Lake Champlain all the way south to Ft. Ticonderoga. They biked 60 miles the first day. They took the ferry from Ft. Ticonderoga to Vermont and biked back to Burlington. They spent two nights at the Middlebury Inn on their way home to Connecticut. Quite a trip! Carolyn was looking forward to being with son David, who lives nearby, for a picnic supper on Labor Day. • I had a nice chat with **Lois Groben Gilmore**. She is now living at RiverCourt in Groton, Mass., and has found a wonderful friend, who also graduated from Middlebury, Walter Paterson '50. Loie and Walter found they have lots in common and have enjoyed many activities together. They attend art classes, painting landscapes and still lifes in watercolor. They also enjoy musical programs once a week, a pianist or soloist, which they find very entertaining. When I inquired about her son, Greg, who used to live with her, she indicated that he was now living with two friends nearby. In addition, she reported that her great-grandsons both live in California. • We were saddened by news from Janet Halstead Franklin '72 that her mother, **Virginia Carpenter Halstead**, passed away on October 10. Ginnie's husband, Gordon, had predeceased her in April. Janet had told me that Ginnie had advanced Alzheimer's disease and was blind so she had 24-hour care at the facility where she was living. Ginnie had a lifelong love of Middlebury and the mountains of Vermont. As a result, Janet and three grandchildren also attended Middlebury. During the war and following graduation, Ginnie and a few of our classmates worked for the Signal Corps in Arlington, Va. (I lived with Ginnie in an apartment when we were both working for the Signal Corps—exciting times! She was a fun person.) She met Gordon at the wedding of a Middlebury classmate and they were married six months later in 1946. They enjoyed many trips around the United States and Europe. Ginnie had an interesting career of 24 years at the Ferguson Library in Stamford, Conn., and when they retired to Guilford, she joined the board of directors of the Guilford Free Library, where she established a staff development fund that continues to enrich today's staff. She was always pursuing activities involving books. Her family was her greatest joy. Ginnie will be sorely missed by all who knew her. • New correspondent **Stu Walker** reports: After decades of faithful and effectual service, **John Gale** has relinquished his status as scribe and asked me, the youngest member of the class, to assume his former duties, i.e., to obtain news of the thoughts and actions of our classmates and to transmit them for publication in *Middlebury Magazine*. If you do not wish this news to be confined to the thoughts and doings of **Stu Walker**, you had better respond now and promptly whenever called upon in the future to report your thoughts and your doings! Note we entertain—and will publish—thoughts as well as tales of derring-do. • As for me, I felt greatly honored and enjoyed motoring about on Lake Dunmore this fall in the wake of the contending teams (Tufts, McGill, Middlebury, and Williams, who finished in that order) during the first annual Stuart Walker Intercollegiate Regatta. (The first full regatta ever hosted by Middlebury in its new fleet of 12 FJ dinghies). • **Phil Backup** says he started golf too late to achieve a good swing but he and Ruth enjoy wandering about on golf courses anyway and were off to Hawaii to play there for a few months. He hopes to attend the 2018 reunion—our 75th—but hates that five-hour flight from Oregon to the East Coast. • **Warren Hassmer** continues happily living at his home in Truro, Mass. (on the bay side of Cape Cod), is gradually accustoming himself to new hearing aides, doesn't remember swimming in any Middlebury quarries, and doubts that he will join us for that 75th reunion. (He doesn't "do reunions.") • Ed. note: We'd like to thank **John Gale** for his many, many dedicated years as a class correspondent for 1943. His diligence in contacting classmates and conscientiously sending his class notes report four times a year won him the 2008 Outstanding Class Correspondent Award. We hope he enjoys his retirement!

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If you have any news to share with classmates, please send it to us!

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How about a trip down Memory Lane? What do you remember about Step Singing? Back of Forest Hall, seniors leaving, singing to juniors coming on? Mead Chapel steps? Any songs in particular? How about "Walls of Ivy"? I have recently borrowed a copy of *Songs of Middlebury College,* published in 1958 with the music. Is it still available? How about "A Time Honored Custom," "College on the Hill," "Gamaliel Painter's Cane," "Old Midd Spirit," "Victory," and "Where the Otter Winds through Willow," to name a few? All these are included in the collection and I have them scanned into my computer if you would like your own copy. • I am sorry to report the death of **Robert Brown** on June 13, 2015, in Needham, Mass. • Let's keep in touch. "**Mew**"

—Class Correspondent: Mary Elizabeth Wisotzkey McClellan (maryliz124@comcast.net), 124 RiverMead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458.

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REUNION CLASS Correspondent **Joan Campbell Shaw** reports: After countless years of being our class correspondent, **Janet Shaw Percival** has reluctantly retired. **Betsy Barclay Wales** and I are your new correspondents and we will *try* to follow in her footsteps. We all owe Jan a tremendous vote of thanks for the wonderful columns she has produced all these years! And thanks, also, to **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom** for filling the gap as interim correspondent! • **Ruth "Smiley" Riley Wendell** now lives near daughter Phyllis Mackey '78 at 7 RiverWoods Drive, F114, Exeter, NH 03833. Smiley has finally given up skiing! She says that carrying heavy skis and boots from the car to the base lodge and then onto the lift was no fun. However, she has fond memories of her grandson's February 2012 Midd graduation, when the graduates skied down the Snow Bowl's main slope in their billowing gowns. While there, Smiley, daughter Phyllis, grandson William Mackey '11.5, and granddaughter Anna Mackey '14 (three generations) skied together—unforgettable! • Another of our die-hard skiers, **Kelly Delong Desmond**, is still at it despite having to wear a knee brace following a knee operation. Mt. Snow in Vermont is her ski area of choice these days and she was planning on skiing there this winter when a niece comes to visit from California. Speaking to Kelly about her skiing experiences makes us wonder if there are others in the class anything like her. If so, please let us know! When asked what else she's been doing, Kelly replied that she painted her wraparound porch this fall, is busy keeping up her house and yard, and plays bridge weekly. • **Sheila Schmidt Rowland** has relocated from Middlebury to the Residence at Shelburne Bay, Vt., in order to make traveling easier for two of her children, Mary '82, and David, who live and work in the Burlington area. Two sons, Mike '74 and Greg '79, are in Maine and Ferrisburgh, Vt., respectively. • **Doris Smith Earnshaw O'Connor**, who grew up in East Orange, N.J., now resides at the Posada in Santa Cruz, Calif. Doris is retired from a teaching career at the Univ. of California, Berkeley, and is now happily living in a retirement community not far from the ocean. Son John is a boat captain and often invites her to join him at sea. She enjoys doing that, especially playing grandma to any small children who happen to be on board. Doris regrets that she won't be able to take part in our 70th reunion but is very grateful for her Middlebury experience. • **Marian Fisher Ales** divides her time between her home in Douglaston, N.Y., and her vacation home on Long Island's North Fork by Peconic Bay. She doesn't drive any more due to failing eyesight and uses a cane when outdoors. Like some others of us, her goal is not to fall! Marian feels safe in her neighborhood, as it's mostly widowed ladies who look out for one another. She spoke glowingly of an instrument called Merlin, a high-powered magnifier that you can position over printed material and read easily. She also enjoys participating in garden club activities. • **Lois Brigham Selnau** reports that our class continues to be among the leaders in percentage participation for giving. "This year the College finished the year at 53 percent and our class reached 52 percent. Thank you dear classmates for supporting Annual Giving! As I sit here on my 90th birthday, it's amazing and wonderful to still feel so connected to and thankful for those years in college! I'm happy in my home at Middlewoods in Farmington, Conn. It's a small community of residents (about 85) with all meals and services and a wide variety of activities. I'm still able to take part in the same things I've been involved in for many years, namely DAR, church, and bridge club. I'm thinking positively about attending our 70th!" • We are saddened to receive word of the deaths of four of our classmates, **Diana Terry**, **Nancy Rathgeb Smith**, **Edward Cooperstein**, and **Ann Curry Munier** and we extend sincere condolences to their families. • Kim Stege sent word that her father, John Carpenter, widower of **Connie Smith Carpenter**, died in June 2014. "Dad loved your class and attending the reunion festivities. He went to Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., and I think he secretly liked the Middlebury reunions the most! He also enjoyed telling us the story of courting my mother. Her mother loaned her car to Dad to make it easy for him to visit Mom at Middlebury. The only problem was that when he arrived at her dorm, everyone wanted a ride in the car to go get ice cream, etc. They still managed to spend time together and got married in 1947 and we five kids were the lucky children of their 65-year marriage. Also, my mother and father were back-door neighbors in Burlington, Vt., and my father held my mother the day she came home from the hospital. (He was 6 years old.) Her brother Sidney was Dad's friend. After Dad returned from the war in the Pacific, Mom had grown up! They lived the rest of their lives in Burlington and then at Wake Robin in Shelburne." • It's not too soon to start planning for our 70th reunion this spring! It will be a wonderful celebration and a chance to get together with old friends. Some of us had better get in shape for that walk up the hill to the Chapel. Optional, of course. • Correspondent **Betsy Barclay Wales** reports: **Jean "Lucky" Luckhardt Stratton** lives at Medford Leas in New Jersey. Sadly she lost her son, Douglas, last November. He died of a heart attack. This past summer Lucky and Bud were at their summer cottage in Maine for two weeks in August. She and I continue our ongoing Scrabble contest. Lucky won the title this year. • **Miriam Edmunds Le Baron** lives in Marshall, Va., near one of her sons. She reports she is "fair to middlin'." She was expecting a visit from son Alden and hoped he could work on her to-do list. • **Cindy Darby Westmoreland** is still in Boone, N.C. During some beach time in South Carolina over Memorial Day she broke her hip and spent the summer recuperating. Daughter Lindy lives nearby thankfully. • **Barbara Tousley Hyde** lives at the Will Rogers facility in Saranac Lake, N.Y. She is fine and grateful her three children are nearby. She looks back at Midd as a very safe haven. • **Gloria Antolini Keyser** traveled to South Carolina this summer to attend the "white coat" ceremony for her grandson at the Univ. of South Carolina. The ceremony is the midway step to becoming a physician's assistant. • Art and **Jeanne Picard Johnson** enjoy their living quarters and the warm weather of Naples, Fla. They are hoping to get to reunion.

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Dorothy Domina Willard was delighted to report that she does have some news! In June she visited daughter Ann '80 and her family in England. While there she had the opportunity to attend the 800th-year celebration of the signing of the Magna Carta. Her grandson also provided her with a tour of Cambridge University, from which he will graduate in June. Dorothy's son and daughter were both planning to visit her in October and were hoping that the foliage would be spectacular. Dorothy keeps fit by walking daily. • **Frances Swain Moretti** wrote that her fifth great-grandchild arrived on August 15. Her fourth was born in July. Both are boys and both weighed more than eight pounds. At the end of August she and her family were planning to have a small reunion at a remote fishing camp in Maine. Fran does not fish but says that the camp is a beautiful place to get away from it all. She feels very fortunate she is still in quite good health, can still drive, and remains in her own home. She celebrated her 90th birthday with a big party at their cottage in Leyden, Md., but she doesn't feel 90 years old. • Since her husband died, **Jeannette Cunningham Kidd** has been residing at 1130 Highland Place, Apt. 216, in Harrisonburg, Va. She

thought it seemed the best solution all around rather than to try to keep a house for one. There is plenty to do though it is mainly with her kids. While she has lost a lot of friends along the way, they have been replaced and in her case, mostly by children, grandchildren, and "greats." • **James Brucks** wrote in answer to my plea for news while waiting to Skype with one of his granddaughters and two great-grandsons. Their growing family is spread out from Maryland to Illinois, to Virginia and Brooklyn, N.Y. All of their grandchildren have advanced academic degrees and all are healthy so life is good even though getting around is somewhat difficult. He uses a cane when necessary. He and his wife Iris (Forst) '48 enjoy going to the Hudson Museum in Yonkers, N.Y., where there are always new and interesting exhibits. He celebrated his 95th birthday in July at the Westchester Hilton in Rye, N.Y., with his entire family present. Jim was a freshman at Middlebury in 1942 so he knew a great many students there before the Class of 1947. He finds that *Middlebury Magazine* keeps him up-to-date but regrettably has too many obits. • **Jinny Stowell James**'s new home in Florida is across the street from her daughter's home. Jinny now sports a Florida license and new plates. She is busy learning the routes to drive to the market, the doctor and dentist, the post office, etc. Daughter Hillery rides with her and indicates locations, lanes, lights, and parking lots. Jinny says, "NO New England winters for me and no big taxes on house and car now that I'm out of Connecticut!" A buyer is interested in purchasing her Northford house and, if that goes through, her move to Florida will be complete. • **Betty Virtue Mozes** called and we had a most pleasant chat. Betty uses a walker now as she is uncomfortable with a cane. She has a house in East Orleans, Mass., on the Cape, which she rents. She did not get to the Cape this past summer. Like so many of us in our 80s and 90s, she does not travel far from home. She plays bridge and walks a lot. She is fortunate to have an outside cottage in her retirement community and enjoys it very much. She has a porch and garden but does not do any gardening herself. She is especially pleased that it's just a short walk from her house to the place where she has her meals. • In June I hosted a Louth-Atkins reunion at my home in West Harwich, Mass. There were 76 present. I rented a bouncy house with slide and climbing area for the children and it proved a wonderful babysitter. There are just seven of us left in my generation but many, many small ones. The next reunion will be in 2017. I'm betting on many more little ones but am not even guessing about the original seven of us. It was great fun for all.

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Correspondent **Rachel Adkins Platt** reports: What a small world we live in filled with coincidences and meetings of people with connections to each other. Recently I had a fun conversation with **Winnie Anthony Stearns**. I know she was in our last column but this came down to a relationship that she and I share so I thought it was worth a comment. The subject of Seattle was mentioned and as the story developed my son John Platt's name came up as living in Seattle. It seems we both have children in Seattle—my son and her daughter Winifred "Winky" Stearns Hussey. In our tales they both sounded like fun, dynamic people and we agreed that they really should meet each other. The next day I spoke to my son and it turns out they know each other well. Winky has been involved for many years in the homeless cooking project that John started 9 or 10 years ago and at times her daughter has babysat for my son's child Jack. Little did they know that their moms had been friends and classmates at Middlebury many years ago. • Early this summer I received this touching email from **Lois "Quirkie" Quirk Racz** about our lovely Middlebury benediction. "A Jewish friend of mine posted it on Facebook and I confess to not being dry-eyed when it was over—the way the basses drop down on those final amens will be in my memory bank forever." • Word from **Irene Ulmer Boublik** is that she is enjoying life living in a lovely retirement community outside the Washington area and sees her family often. She sees Mary Nasmith Means '46 at times and also my fellow '49 writer **Dixon Hemphill** and wife June. • Sad news to report. **Katharine "Kay" Cooke Mulligan** passed away on August 22. We became very good friends the many years we went to Alumni College together. She was a fun, lovely, beautiful lady. We shared many memories of our time as undergraduates, but the best part was reacquainting ourselves as adults and sharing family joys and our lives as we progressed. She will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy to her family at this time. Also my sympathy to two other dear classmates. **Virginia Main Jennings** died in March and **Lorraine Bean Wilkins** died in July. One of the joys of a small college is really getting to know all your classmates. • Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: June and I were quite busy this summer—a weeklong trip to Jacksonville, Fla., where I competed in a four-day national track meet; participation in our church recognition of 22 WWII veterans, which included a banquet and a 50-page book describing what each of us did during our WWII service; some sailing in Chesapeake Bay on my 28-foot sailboat; visits to trauma survivors at one of our hospitals (as a trauma survivor myself I volunteer twice a month with other survivors visiting patients who have recently suffered a serious accident); and an annual family crabfest, where our 20-member family gets together to eat crabs, corn, and potato salad, and hot dogs for those who don't like seafood. • I'm sorry to report that **Ernest Hunter** died on August 29. We send our condolences to his family.

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Barbara Wesselmann Stark phoned me in early August. She said she's had a lot of health problems "but nothing terminal." We reminisced about Battell Cottage, where we met in 1947. She is singing again in a choral group at the Pines in North Carolina, where she lives. Show tunes are well received. She is getting great-grandchildren, as are we all. • My tally is seven. For me, after three daughters and five granddaughters, there are at last four boys to accompany the three girls. Mine are mostly on East and West Coasts though. • I am fortunate to have a 74-year-old boyfriend. My dear granddaughter in Oxnard, Calif., said to me, "Ninety is the new seventy." • Congratulations to **John Corbisiero**, who was inducted into Middlebury's Athletic Hall of Fame in November. John transferred to Middlebury from Notre Dame and had a standout football career and also played hockey and baseball. He played professional baseball with the Boston Braves before enlisting in the Air Force and serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He had a 30-year career in the Air Force, retiring as a colonel. • Please call me with your news!

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REUNION CLASS **Jacob Shammash** plans to be at Midd in June for our 65th reunion. His granddaughter, Amanda Hotvedt, from Minnesota is a junior, plays on the soccer team, and loves the College. Jacob's daughter, Ellen, graduated in 1984, making them a three-generation Midd family. Jacob came to Middlebury from Baghdad. After Midd he attended the Univ. of Buffalo School of Medicine and became a thoracic surgeon in Springfield, Mass. • **Ted Harris** wrote that as a Theta Chi pledge, he was in charge of constructing the ice sculpture for Winter Carnival. They built a big hand with dice seemingly coming out of the hand and won the competition! Now, Ted is writing his memoirs and he was able to get a copy of the photo from the College archives. He also has a picture of himself with **Bill Deming** and Ralph Eddy '50 taken by **Jeff Francisco** on March 26, 1949, at Lake Dunmore where they had been in for a swim on a 70-degree day. They are hold-

ing chunks of ice! He is willing to share this photo with our reunion planners for June. Ted left Middlebury and finished at Virginia Tech because he was planning to be a farmer. He became a banker, instead, and served as a member of his city council. He has also been involved in the 500-year-old Forest Foundation. • **Bill** and **Phyllis Cole Deming** reported on wonderful experiences at Alumni College again. Phyllis took the class presented by Associate Professor of History Amy Feely Morsman on the People's Civil War. Phyllis said, "She almost seemed to dance on her toes in enthusiasm for the subject and its meaning." She highly recommended their textbook, *Tried by War* by James McPherson. Bill took the course Rise and Sprawl of the American City, presented by Caitlin Myers. Thankfully they only had one book to read, *The Geography of Nowhere*, which resulted in great discussions. They both enjoyed seeing pals from other years, had fine accommodations at Bread Loaf, super food, and perfect weather. The new president, Laurie Patton, gave a stirring speech. The only thing missing were 1951 class members. • **Roland Coates** recently had two art shows. One was all his own art, at the Jaffrey Civic Center, where he had 30 colored-pencil pictures. The other was the annual studio tour, which is over Columbus Day weekend. He was sorry to share the sad news that wife Liz's brother died at a young age. We send our condolences to Liz. • **Joan Macklaier Birkett** had lunch with **Betty Sutherland Firstbrook** last summer, but as a Western Canadian transplant, Joan has lost touch with many Middlebury friends. Daughter Jennifer visited for three weeks and they spent four days at a cabin in Nakusp, BC, where they walked, hot-pooled in the mountains, and lived off the grid with a camp stove, cooler, and candles. She enjoys swimming in the lake, walking, reading, and resting when needed, Qi Gong class, and keeping in touch with her daughter, who is in Germany on a music tour with her husband. "Each year is a bonus and there are still lots of challenges and ways of helping others and enjoying life." Joan says hello to all classmates of 1951 and happy 65th reunion. • **Dick Davis** informed us of the death of **Paul Okarski**. Paul's son, Steve, was Paul's primary caregiver for the last five years of his life. Steve wrote, "He is/was the dearest person to me. My dad was one of the good guys the world could use more of. I believe the two institutions that shaped the person he became are the Navy and Middlebury College." Paul was a man of science and had worked for Sperry Gyroscope and Sperry Corp. He valued education and imparted wisdom to his family. He was a dedicated and loving family man, and Steve has many happy memories of family vacations in Florida, and also of learning to ski. Paul continued to ski until he was 82. • **Dick**'s own news mentioned that he has a pacemaker, has COPD, and several other annoyances, for which he has found a very agreeable treatment that keeps it all in perspective! They still spend six months in Florida and six months in New Hampshire, and surprisingly he "doesn't miss the Snow Bowl a bit!" • We also regret to inform you of the death of **James Beck**. • Now, before you do anything else, mark your calendars for June 10–12 for our 65th reunion. Hopefully, you have already done that. We hope to see you all then. With best wishes, **Lee** and **Beth**.

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Correspondent **Jean Vaughan Varney** reports: Recent note to self said I'm way too wordy so plan to cut it shorter this time. Meantime came a message from my fellow correspondent saying she would be unable to contribute to this issue and I would need to go it alone. • I'd like to thank Peter Cascio '53, who entered with our class but had to take a yearlong break due to a call up from the Marines. I don't think we even know each other but, bless him, he DID send me an email after recognizing my address at a retirement community he and his wife looked at here in the D.C. suburbs before settling on another because his wife felt it had a larger indoor pool! I love it here, Peter, including our pool. And do write any time. • **Sally Baldwin Utiger** was full of news when last we spoke. She, along with **Lee McGowan Allison**, had just returned from Alumni College at Bread Loaf, which they attend every year. There they found **Priscilla Norman Forschler**, the only other member of our class in attendance, and they all enjoyed catching up as well as hiking and visiting Robert Frost's cabin after classes. Sally said the program and everything else about Bread Loaf was fabulous this year. The new president gave an inspiring talk, all without notes, and was very impressive. Sally also did a lot of tennis officiating over the summer at Special Olympics, Senior Slams, five National Grass Court tournaments held at the Longwood Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill, Mass., honorary ladies team events, several fundraisers, and club championships. Wow. At almost 85, she is thought to be the oldest certified official in New England and possibly one of the few in the country. Congratulations! • I was also pleased to talk with **Marie Cavanaugh Frink** at her Simsbury, Conn., home of 53 years. She is well but her husband died in 2011, as did their elder son, so these recent years have been difficult. She has two other children and three grands. When I reached her she was busily gardening in a portion of their one-acre woodland property, one of her favorite activities along with bridge and more recently, tennis. • In August I took a cruise to Alaska with my two sons. We flew to Seattle and sailed from there. I had a wonderful time and found Alaska as beautiful as I'd heard. We saw many whales, eagles, sea otters, and calving glaciers. We even went on a dog-sledding expedition, ending up in the mushers' camp where we were encouraged to play with the puppies as they needed socializing. Awww. Great trip. • Correspondent **Chuck Ratté** reports: **Don Beck** sent news on his current status. He had his 87th birthday in March, about the same time I jumped through the 88 hoop. Don has children living nearby who are quickly at his service when needed. When a large portion of a maple tree fell in his yard, his son, who is handy with a chain saw, cut up the debris and carted it away in his truck. Don has his own small chain saw and assists. His daughter, who has followed in his footsteps at Pfizer, checks in frequently and she and her husband help out. Don stays in touch with **Charlie Archibald** and **Jim Cooley**. • It was a distinct pleasure to receive an email from **Herb Melchior**, who has lived in Alaska most of his post-Middlebury years. Herb and wife Hilda took a week trip from Fairbanks to the Yukon Territory on the "Top of the World Highway." They visited museums and watched dancing girls at Diamond-Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall. (He got some photos of the action.) On the trip home they headed south to Tok, Alaska, then home to Fairbanks. Herb recently participated in a nonjuried art show at the Bear Gallery in Fairbanks, selling two of his framed photographs. He and Hilda have traveled to Tasmania, Australia, Cuba, and China. They made two driving trips to wine country in California, Oregon, and Washington. Herb sends his best to the Class of '52. • **Hank Draghi** lives in Avalon, N.J., and fortunately escaped damage from Hurricane Sandy. He and his wife were busy during the summer with invited guests—"as with all summers when you live on the shore!" He was looking forward to seeing **Clay** and **Barbara Eckman Butzer**, who have a vacation home in Avalon. • **Bill Kirby** called with news of an enjoyable family vacation this past summer on Martha's Vineyard. It was before Pres. Obama arrived, so the island was not overcrowded. He and son Tom visited Lafayette's ship, which was on display in the harbor at Greenport, Long Island, N.Y., in the spring. • **Steve Baker** says he completed nine holes of golf 40 times this past summer. His only complaint is, "I played better golf when I was 15 than I do now." And we all thought that practice makes perfect. • The Worcester Polytechnical Institute (WPI) opened the **William Foley Trask** collection in its archives to exhibit at the Homecoming 2015. The exhibit, held in the Gladwin Gallery, covered his childhood, his time at Middlebury, his community involvement, and his family. Bill served WPI for nearly six decades as a truly unique member of the school and community. At the inauguration of Middlebury's new president, Bill represented WPI in the academic procession.

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I thank those who keep in touch or answer their phones. It's fascinating and instructive to note how our class, who scattered to the four winds after graduation (with some help from Uncle Sam) and have since traveled hither and yon, are settling in to face the challenges of finding a last home, a good place to stop. • **Don Peach** called to tell me that after all our travail in finding out where he was and finally locating him in Rangely, Colo., among the high peaks he loves so well, he and wife Tineke are moving on. They are leaving their mountain garden to move in the spring to Portland, Ore., closer to family and to the facilities we know we need in our later years. Don also said he talked with classmate and fellow Mountain Clubber **Bill Smith**, who has been practicing medicine in Portland for many years. They had a great visit and thus Don and Tineke have solved the first problem of any move, finding a doctor you can trust. Let us hope Portland works out for the Peaches, as it has for so many. After all, there are some mountains nearby. • **Louise Limbach Spangler** is another who, after kicking around in eastern regions, found her spot in lovely Los Altos, Calif. There the Spanglers raised four daughters amidst a mob of Limbach cousins, offspring of our Midd contemporaries, George '55 and the late Karl '54. With the children grown, she entered the workplace for a time and then started her own business. Knitting was having a huge revival, the "new yoga" Lou called it, and she was the evangelist in the Peninsula, that region south of San Francisco now called the Silicon Valley. She loved all that yarn and stuff and built a business to promote it. After losing her husband she moved to a condo where she could walk to her shop, Uncommon Threads. She still found time for traveling, either on knitting business or taking her girls abroad, one at a time. She raved about a recent trip with the whole Limbach/Spangler clan, 19 in all, to the famous Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore. She said it was a fabulous expedition, but she seems firmly anchored in Los Altos, where the weather is perfect, generations of cousins are available, and she can walk to work. • Like **Don Peach**, who brought Tineke back from the Netherlands, **Clark Alvord** also brought back a wife from Europe. He met Harriet at the Wharton School, followed her home to Sweden, married her, and took her hitchhiking through much of Europe, skiing and hiking the mountains of Austria and Yugoslavia. He then brought her to the U.S. to the world of work and raising children. Clark's work with Honeywell and computers took them up and down the East Coast and even back to Europe for a three-year stint. But clearly they were thinking ahead. They acquired a place in Vermont for the skiing and for six years have been in a house they built on Cape Cod for their retirement, which is where I found them. They had just returned from an extended trip to Sweden and Clark was excited about the changes they had found. Sweden is vibrant and thriving and business is great. He commented especially about the nation's positive response to the influx of refugees from Syria and the Near East. Although the Alvords have a great place to settle down, I'm not sure they have quite come to rest yet. Clark was anxiously waiting word from his daughter, a triathlete, who was attending a motorcycle rally in Ecuador. There's always something to worry about. • I had a good visit with **Jean Overhysser Arneberg**, one of our more peripatetic classmates. She also found her mate in Scandinavia. At the beginning of her Grand Tour after graduation she met Tor Arneberg on the boat and that was apparently it. She married him and lived and worked in Norway for a number of years until they were persuaded to give this country a chance. And they saw most of it, moving from job to job, town to town, east, west, and then back again, until they finally settled on Darien, Conn., as a place to raise three beautiful daughters. Tor's connection with a cruise line even permitted considerable leisure travel and exploration. I am amazed at the range of Jean's travels and her memory of people she has met. But now health issues have overtaken them and Jean spends her time caring for Tor in their Clearwater, Fla., condo, close to one of their daughters. She does keep in touch with friends like **Anne Coleman Zehner** and **Ann McGinley Ross**, who Jean says is so good at networking she should take over my job. Sounds good to me. Women are better at such things. • I was also able to get a call through to **Verne Goodwin**. Verne and wife Pat settled into the high country of Vail, Colo., almost 20 years ago and seem there to stay. Some may recall from the 50th reunion yearbook a picture of Verne, in mustache, and wife Pat gloating over a largish fish of the trout or salmon family, presumably just caught by them in a pristine New Zealand stream. His fuzzy face made me think of Hemingway, fishing in the Pyrenees with a lady friend. Verne said they still love to hike the peaks and vales of Vail despite the 9,000-foot altitude and I assume they still ski and golf, but instead of traveling the world fly-fishing, they now go hither and yon pursuing the arts, especially in search of opera. (Verne said it was all right if I mentioned he has moved into opera.) Again the power of the liberal arts education is manifest, although Verne modestly said the culture comes from Pat. Verne tries to keep up contacts with **Norm Armour** and **Dick Allen**. • Verne told me about the death of Linda Allen, Dick's wife, who was often among us visiting Dick and could be thought of as an honorary classmate. I also regret to report the passing of classmates **Dave Gregory** and **Howie Rogers**. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all their families. We remember them all as we recall our time with each other.

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Correspondent **Tom Ryan** reports: **Mary Moreau Cowan** is living near Charlotte, N.C. She and her husband lived in the San Francisco Bay Area for many years before moving to beautiful Beaufort, S.C., where they lived for some 15 years. With a daughter in Charlotte, they decided to move. The have four children and eight grandchildren. (The youngest is just finishing high school.) She had a good and enjoyable career as an appraiser of fine arts. She sounded really great! Clearly, they are enjoying all that Charlotte has to offer. • **Jean Kern** has lived in Annapolis, Md., for the past five years after a long career as a banker in and around Buffalo, N.Y. After Midd he, like many of us, spent two years in the Army and, like me, spent part of that time in France (a lot better than Korea). He and his wife moved to Annapolis, an almost uniquely beautifully small city, because she has relatives in the area and the winters are far easier than in Buffalo. His two children live in Cleveland and Chicago, both of which are good cities to visit. • **Ellen Healy Lucas** is retired in Norwalk, Conn., after teaching French in Norwalk High School for 35 years. She sounded terrific! She stays busy with golf (two rounds/week) and her volunteer work with FISH, an organization that supplies rides to medical appointments and other necessary places, where she has been on the board for the past 20 years. With two sons and three grandchildren (a girl, 12, and twins, a boy and a girl, 10) living nearby in Connecticut, she is active and connected. Winters are spent in the Tampa Bay, Fla., area to get out of the cold. • **Bert Welling** writes, "Louise and I enjoyed a trip to Holland and Belgium in late April/early May on the small National Geographic Explorer ship, stopping in many places to see the tulip fields and fantastic tulip gardens. What we had not understood beforehand is that most of the tulip growing is for the bulbs, which are sold around the world. Very little goes to the flower markets. It's just amazing, and to think that most of these countries are many feet under sea level—as much as 30 feet. We did lots of walking and saw lots of interesting cities as well as the special Keukenhof Gardens. The end of the trip was a voyage up the Thames River to London, where at about 5 a.m. we went under the Tower Bridge. What an extraordinary experience to see the Tower Bridge open up for our ship to travel underneath." • **Karl Limbach** died May 21. I knew him pretty well at Middlebury, but then, I think everybody did. He was sort of "head of everything." He was always articulate, intelligent, and nice to be around. And, of course, he and **Lois (Robinson)** were regulars at the reunions. I called Lois a few weeks ago and, all things considered, she said she is doing relatively well with the support of family and friends. • We also lost **Bob Prentice**, who like Karl and Lois, lived in California. As another economics major, he and I shared a number of professors, notably his father, Dr. Prentice, who was head of the department and a man to be reckoned with. I don't think I knew that they were

related until after I had graduated. I called him a few years ago and he was a happy and contented man doing good things in Southern California. • Stay active, stay connected! • Correspondent **Julie Howard Parker** reports: There is a small contingent of California classmates of '54, shrinking of course, but stalwart and full of love for life. • **Nancy Wright Reuther**, who was widowed in 2011, had time to describe her very active and wonderful days in Walnut Creek. The community where she has a condo is so full of clubs and interests that weeks whirl by. She is part of the Dixieland jazz group and was just back from a trip to the annual Sacramento Dixieland Jazz Festival with peers. She loves work at her church, where she helps others and feels that's what life is really about. Although tragedy struck early when they lost their son in a car accident at 22, she has two grandsons she is close to, one a prominent employee of Restoration Hardware with clients who order antique fittings worth $50,000 at a pop, and the other at Point Loma Nazarene Univ. (on a gorgeous site overlooking the ocean) enrolled, with an operatic voice, in an MBA program. If he chooses a career in singing he'll know how to manage his finances, as many voice artists don't! • Don and **Sally Green Risberg** of Santa Rosa are both in good health and were planning a trip to Yosemite and Mammoth this past fall. Sally is aware that Will '51 and Carolyn Bennett Jackson '61 have just opened an exclusive inn overlooking the dramatic cliffs of the Pacific north of Ft. Bragg, Calif., that she is eager to visit if we organize a plan. (Husband **Peter** and I own forestland adjoining Will's land and several years back had a great Midd alum weekend at our Ten Mile Ranch with the Risbergs, **Karl** and **Lois Limbach**, and **Joanne Verbryck Kissinger**.) Sally has been in touch with Lois, who lost her lifelong partner Karl. Lois is doing well, with friends and many interests. • Although Middlebury had notified me that **Bob Prentice** died in the spring, the fact slipped my mind and I called the Prentices in San Diego to have a brief talk with Helen, his beloved partner from high school days, who is struggling with widowhood. We send her our loving support. Bob wrote for our 50th album of letters one of the wittiest essays of all, totally tongue-in-cheek, and claimed his retirement ambition was to be "metal-detector-toting beach bum." He was, no doubt, a financial wizard with GE. • Last but far from least is **Peter Neisser** who lives in Belmont, Calif. When I contacted him, he was on a trip to Australia and New Zealand with partner Sandra Ruehlow, and they had just taken a tour of a reef island in the Great Barrier that grows enough vegetation to have a small restaurant and desalinization for water, so as to leave intact the fresh water for the plant life. • Our best to all our classmates.

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Correspondent **Carlene Snyder Howland** reports: As our 60th reunion culminated at **Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Byers**'s house, where we were treated to an extraordinary brunch, we felt a sense of elation for having been able to reconnect with classmates and enjoy their company for a few memorable days. Unfortunately, our spirits were soon dashed by the news of the death of **Carol "Cece" Clark Forell** on June 16. Cece had played an important role in many of our lives, not only in college but throughout the following years too. Those classmates who knew her best wrote: "We loved her big laugh, wit, and frankness. We admired her intelligence, her energy, and her feistiness, especially. Cece exemplified courage and steadiness and grit, when those attributes were called for. And she showed her family and the rest of us how to make our lives fun and tasty and colorful and celebratory, and how to love in big and small ways. She left an extraordinary legacy." Cece was also very involved in the Tiburon, Calif., community, supporting many organizations, such as their PTA, school board, swim team, local library, and community newspaper. • We also learned that **Sally Wirth Bush** had died November 2, 2014. Sally left Middlebury to graduate from Brown Univ. A noted watercolor artist, Sally used her talents for over 30 years to promote the success of the Center for Contemporary Art (formerly known as the Somerset Art Assoc.) in Bedminster, N.J. • Additional sad news came about **Janice Netland Fenner**'s husband, George, who died August 14 in Key Largo Fla. Our sincere sympathies go out to Janice. The takeaway message from all this news is to continue to keep in touch with our classmates, and to enjoy them while we can. • **Nancy Carpenter Ellis**'s video of our 50th reunion is a joy to watch. Thank you, Nancy! For those of you who have not seen it, you can order one for $5.00. Contact us for more information. • Correspondent **John Baker** reports: **Donald Harper** is a first-time respondent for me! Donald is living in Providence, R.I., where he has been for over 40 years. He lost his wife, classmate **Lynne** (**Cahall**), three years ago, but continues his commitment to education. He was involved in starting a Title II charter school, part of a program of the U.S. Dept. of Education. Donald now is involved with lifelong learning, the ongoing, voluntary, and self-motivated pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons after retirement. • **Wally Beevers** is another first for me. **EB Baker** lives near Wally and his wife, Mary, in Dennis, Cape Cod, Mass., and "found" him for me. I enjoyed a long chat with Wally and was glad to hear he's well. An English major, Wally went on to a career in teaching. After he supposedly retired, he accepted a job at Brandeis supervising students during their practice teaching. Recently he has been putting his writing skills to work on a novel—followed by another one. Let's hope I can give you the ISBN numbers in a subsequent report! • Then there were three classmates who couldn't make it to our reunion: **John Field** reports that he has had some "bumps in the road" but is looking forward to Alumni College programs in the future. He recently enjoyed a visit from his old Sig Ep roommates **Hap Freeman** and **George Limbach**. (I hope to hear from them soon!) • **Pete Baldwin** has been dealing with a rare and most uncomfortable neurological ailment. I've ordered three of his books from Amazon. (Email me and I'll forward the link.) He says he's an "inch worm" these days but has the joy of children nearby. All the best to Pete! • **Earl Samson** writes: "We were enjoying a short trip to NYC when you called. Thank you for your concern about my health. I'm happy to report that my valve replacement went well and I spent the summer recuperating. We were sorry to miss the reunion but enjoyed pictures sent along by **Joan Tolley Bassett** and your synopsis of the event. Looking forward to the next one." • Oh yes, an update on **Jim Kennedy**. I've always thought of Jim as the most cheerful, upbeat member of our class. He didn't make the reunion because of his wife Connie's medical scare—but she seems to be fine now. • There are many of you out there whom I've never heard from. How 'bout a note, an email, or, better yet, a call? • Check out a mini-reunion photo on page 73.

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REUNION CLASS How wonderful to hear from **William W. Meyer** after all these years: "This is the first indication of my whereabouts. I finished at Midd to go immediately to Columbia Architectural School in NYC. I spent nine years there (day and night classes) and earned my RA license in '67. I had a successful practice for 44 years and started traveling with wife Wendy—Italy, Greece, Turkey, and finally a month in the South Pacific for our 50th anniversary. I don't keep in touch with any classmates although I do follow you all thru the Class Acts. I'm looking forward to our 60th." • From **Lucy Boyd Littlefield** we heard, "Life has brought us some changes. Paul is now 95 and was doing really well up until the end of last November when he fell at Symphony Hall in Boston and badly broke his leg. He spent the winter in a rehab facility here in Gloucester, Mass., and finally came home in April. Other health problems developed while in rehab but he's made a pretty good recovery tho' he still uses a wheelchair and walker so our travels are fairly limited. We're glad to be here in Annisquam, a wonderfully caring community. Thanks to Paul, we now have six great-grands. I'm still on the board of Wellspring House for one more year. Hope to get to reunion. How did we ever get this old?" • It ain't easy finding just the right "girl," but **Pete Orvis**, our seasoned class agent leader, gives it his best with this appeal: "I am still seeking a FEMALE COMPANION coordina-

tor to assist in making contact with the class agents, each of whom would only have about five contacts to make. So if there were up to 20 classmates serving as class agents, the coordinator assistant would have maybe 10 to keep in touch with, updating individual donations and giving history, which I prepare. The female coordinator would more than likely know the women involved. **Jack Kettell** has offered to be of assistance and is a faithful supporter of Middlebury and the Class of '56." So all you women out there, what say you help Pete (competer999@gmail.com) with this important function? • **Jack McDermott** writes, "Just returned from our trip to Hanoi: Having previously visited Ho Chi Minh City, a.k.a. Saigon, I now have seen both the North and the South of Vietnam. Interestingly, there were areas where the Communist Party flag (hammer and sickle) flew alongside the official flag (single red star) but generally all you could see was the official flag. We began our visit with a side trip to Ha Long Bay in the Gulf of Tonkin in the northeast corner of Vietnam, some 165 km from Hanoi. It's pretty big with more than 1,600 islands and islets, most of which are uninhabited. It features a spectacular seascape of limestone pillars with a variety of coastal erosional features such as arches and caves, which form a majestic natural scenery. The trip was quite long but it allowed us to see more of the country. Then back to Hanoi for the LAWASIA Employment Law Conference, where I presented a couple of papers on rather mundane legal topics. Then the *long* flight back to L.A." • This is an email I (**Judy Phinney Stearns**) sent to **Dick Powell** this summer. Ah, the memories. "Hi Dick, I am sitting under a tree in an Adirondack chair in front of Forest at Midd! Not a soul around and way too many cars. I was in Vergennes at the Maritime Museum, which is fantastic. I have made a reservation for the Alum Leadership Weekend and look forward to seeing some of our classmates." I couldn't resist the restful looking chairs, and besides, my granddaughter, Neve, is living in Forest for her senior year. • We hope you are planning to come to our 60th reunion June 10–12. We'll be making plans during the next months, and we already know there will be a repeat of the fabulous dinner under the tent at **Dick Catlin**'s quintessential Vermont farm on the opening Friday night just for our class. We are open to any ideas you may have for the event, such as, gatherings, discussion groups, presentations you would like to make or attend, classmates you would like to be in touch with, things you would like to show like albums or collections or books you have written. We will lean toward more hanging out time as many of us are slowing down and may want to visit more. We'll be staying in Hepburn Hall, if that is appealing to you. Come join us. **Judy** and **Dick**

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Frankie Hall (fhall8@me.com) writes, "I have moved to Annapolis, Md., near my sister and am most happy at this retirement community—lots of interesting people, many with Navy backgrounds. I have taken up competitive croquet—so much more than the old backyard game! We have competitions with the Naval Academy and St. John's College, as well as statewide competition. I also continue to enjoy travel—I had a fabulous trip to Turkey last year, with trips to China and the Panama Canal coming up soon. Through travel, I've developed an interest in photography. With the marvels of digital editing, photography offers a lot of fun!" • **Dick Booth** tells us that he and wife Ann are active year-round golfers. Some of their vacations center around golf. Home base is their first house in Topsfield, Mass., where they have resided for the past 53 years. Part of the summer is spent on Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire. The winter months are on Siesta Key, Fla., after spending the holidays in Topsfield with their three children and six granddaughters. • **Bo Wakefield**, who has worked throughout the world, says he finally got tired of international project logistics and retired at 76. He writes, "I have been a noncitizen resident of Australia for the past 40+ years! We have four children all with university degrees, or better! Six grandchildren! Seventy miles south of Brisbane, Katherine and I are on semitropical rural acres high above the South Pacific Ocean. Our most recent adventure was completed this past week—a 20-day anniversary-birthday Japan cruise and land tour that was far better than our wildest expectations (with a typhoon and a 5.4 earth-shake). We enjoyed Japan's historical culture; fresh vegetable and fish markets (without shopping centers); rice crops in paddies between factories and housing, and on any small terrace in the mountains; the exact execution of their rail timetables; their expressed faith in Buddha and Shintoism at in-home shrines; their exquisite forestry and gardens; and their calm politeness. Katherine is thinking about studying to become a geisha! I don't know where she gets her stamina from; she was back working early this week! Our days are becoming fewer; we're still pedaling our bicycles, because if we stop we are more than likely to fall over! Anyone heading to Australia, we are at Terranora, NSW. • **Hugh Marlow** saw several classmates this past year. He visited **Sam Boynton** at his home in Hyde Park, Vt. "Picked a beautiful day and we sat outside enjoying gorgeous views across miles of woods and hills. I spent time with **Sabra Harwood Field**, **Bill Badger**, and **Peter Decker**. Sabra's movie was shown in Hanover and was part of the Middlebury Film Festival. It received rave reviews in both locations." Hugh was collecting material for **Bo Wakefield's** 80th birthday at his daughter's request and was going through yearbooks for photos. This was for a collection, which was going to be a surprise. • **Sabra Field** gave us some info about her film that Hugh just referred to. "*Sabra* is a biography by a film professor at Dartmouth, William Phillips, that was four years in the making and probably tells you more than you need to know about a printmaker. It does cover a huge number of prints from old to up to last year. The interviews are pretty fun to watch, including one with **Wyman Rolph**, where you can see the Weybridge crowd in bathing suits circa 1955. Surely worth the price alone. For more info, you can visit my site, sabrafield.com." • Nineteen members and spouses of the Class of '57 gathered on the shore of Lake Winnipesaukee for the annual assemblage of New Hampshire seasonal and full-time residents. **Betsy Mathewson Bailey** and husband Broadus were the hosts, the weather was delightful, the food abundant and delicious, and the conversation lively. Betsy writes, "Remarkably little time was spent on health topics, a good sign of mental agility for our advanced age. **Adrienne Littlewood DeLaney** brought a beautiful cake honoring those among us who have reached our eighth decade. The inscription read, '...and miles to go...' promising years of productive lives still ahead. Participants included Bob '51 and **Adrienne DeLaney**, **Murray** and **Julie French Campbell**, **Mary Ellen Bushnell**, **Pete** and Sue Lewis '58 **Read**, Mary Lou and **Glen Graper**, **Wayne** and **Pam Clark Reilly**, **Sylvia Griswold Dow**, Peter and **Gail Parsell Beckett**, Charlie '56 and **Heather Hamilton Robinson**, and **Al Hawthorne**. The DeLaneys and the Robinsons, residents of Middlebury, managed to sneak across the river to join us." • Check out a multigenerational photo on page 81! • Many thanks to **Gail Bliss Allen** for all her years of serving as a class correspondent!

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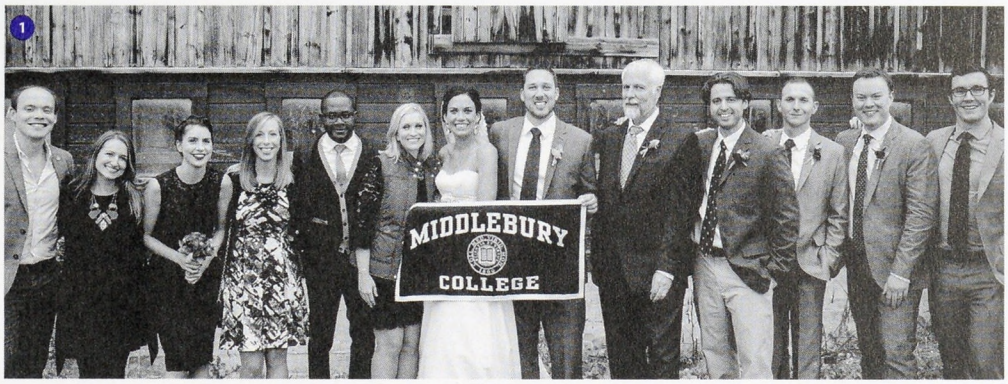
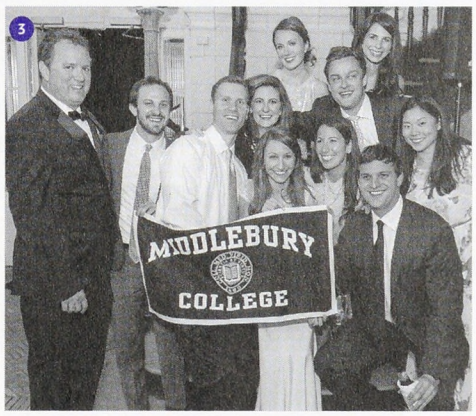
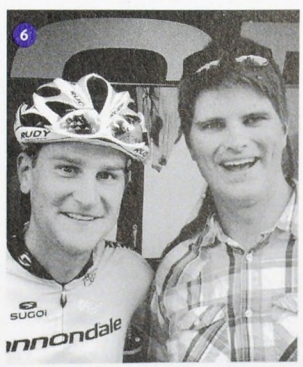
Several classmates responded with reflections on their experiences at Middlebury and the people who influenced them. **Stephanie Eaton** writes, "It always comes down to the people, doesn't it? In the beginning it was Ma Kelly, Jack Beattie, Professor Heinrich—I loved them all. And they each stepped out of their public personae. We created our own special worlds—to explore, to push our 'envelopes,' to secure our heartfelt oases—thank God! And so created milestones that were heartfelt, world-lesson creations. Somehow, I came, with them, to be aware of some potential—that when wedded with their personal questing wove a fabric of originality and burst of pizazz; more importantly, a soft quiet energy that sped, or meandered to our heart. And so, we gave more of LOVE to those around us. For extra bravery can unleash a benevolent world—right?!" • **George Gura** writes, "Since I spent so much of my time in Middlebury acting as if I was in medical school to prove that I could go to medical school, my early mentors were in the chemistry lab, Dr. Grant Harnest and Dr. Poole. They were certainly outstanding mentors and teachers and disciplined my thinking

processes. However, I eventually collided with Dr. Wissler in physics and he quickly reminded me I was not nearly disciplined enough in thinking and perhaps in many other ways. Fortunately, my dear friend, **Jane Coutant**, who, like most women at Middlebury, was much smarter than me, recognized my unbalanced education and urged me to take a fine arts course with dear Prof. Healy. I discovered such names as Cézanne, Monet, and Picasso, among many others. To this very day, this experience continues to be a great source of satisfaction as I still feel I am in medical school. Finally, I can never forget the dean of women, Ma Kelly, who had the wisdom, wit, compassion, and patience to be a friend to all of us whenever necessary." • **Grace Warder Harde** shares, "Our four years as a fluid, lively community together at Middlebury were the first time I had been in any one place longer than two years, and the friendships seemed so rich and enduring as a result. The kindness of faculty, sharing their knowledge, hoping to connect with our minds, was a special gift. It all stays with me. Maybe Prof. Brown, wreathed in smoke, smiling gently out of his huge self, leading us through the Classics of Western Literature, was the happiest continuing gift. Without Middlebury's liberal arts education, life would have been a dark puzzle; thank heavens for those years, those studies, those friends, that beauty." • **Elaine Brzezenski Lewandoski** writes, "When asked to write a few words about the influence that Middlebury had on my life, I thought immediately about the benefit of its very renowned degree. With an unsurpassed preparation because of a master's in French from Midd as well as my A.B., I have found all during my professional life as a French teacher that the name Middlebury opened doors—not only in the job market but also in the arena of grants. I received NEH study grants to Harvard, Quebec, and the Univ. of Nancy, France, as well as an AATF scholarship to Avignon—largely because of my training at Middlebury." • **Herb Urbach** says, "I gained new and different ideas from teachers and fellow students, which I continue to think about and which influenced my life post-Midd. I had many interesting experiences to look back to fondly. And most important, I made friendships there that have lasted throughout my life. Thanks, Midd." • **Dick Woodworth** shares, "When I was preparing for college and a newspaper career, a daily newspaper editor steered me not toward journalism school but rather toward a broad liberal arts education. The broader the better, he stressed. And Middlebury served perfectly, in class and beyond. Although English was my major, I delved widely into the liberal arts, from contemporary civilization to classics to economics to poli sci to philosophy to religion to intellectual history. Hank Prickett, Pardon Tillinghast, Howard Mumford, and Chaplain Charlie Scott became academic mentors. As editor of the *Campus*, weekly meetings with President Stratton, faculty advisor Tom Reynolds, and jack-of-all-trades Walt Brooker added nonacademic





1 Liam Quinn '05 and Dana Isaac '08 were married on October 11, 2014, at Jackman Barn in Ferrisburgh, Vt. In attendance were Willie Orbison '08, Elena D'Antonio '08, Franny Bohar Orbison '08, Amy Shepard '08, Leslie Lartey '05, Sarah Calvert Lartey '08, the newlyweds, Peter Quinn '71, Scott McDonald '05, Matt Haddad '05, Andrew Howard '05, and Matt Doyle '08. 2 Several Middlebury friends were on hand in Manchester, Vt., when Jane Choate Beck '63 was awarded the prestigious Hildene Award: Meg Holmes Robbins '63, Charlie Buell '63, Jane, Pete Johnson '62, Jane Bachelder Johnson '63, Liam English '63, Sue Handy Burdick '63, Chuck Burdick '63, and Lyman Orton '63. 3 Julia Fraser '07 married Andrey Washington on October 3, 2014, at Prospect Park Boathouse in Brooklyn, N.Y. Midd friends and family who helped them celebrate included (all '07 unless noted) Mark Peluso (College physician), Seth Miran, Brett Shirreffs, the bride, Rebecca Browngoehl Feinberg, Richie Fuld, (second row) Isabel Yordan, Dan Feinberg, Sue-Jean Chun, (third row) Emily Bierman and Roula Zoghbi Smith.



4 On December 13, 2014, JB Brainerd '88 and Rob Boswell were married in Poipu, Kauai, Hawaii: Rob, Beatrice Wallenberg '89, JB. 5 Amy Horner '97 and Adrian Hanley were married on August 23, 2014, in Forest City, Pa., in an intimate ceremony with Elk Mountain in the background. 6 Cory Lowe '04 caught up with Ted King '05 while Ted was in Aspen, Colo., preparing for the 2014 USA Pro Cycling Challenge.

dimension. Singing in shows and choral groups, skiing at the Snow Bowl, 'summer camp' at the Pentagon with the college's Strategic Intelligence Army Reserve detachment, fraternity living, and social life expanded extracurricular horizons. No specialized education could offer such a wide background for a newspaper and publishing career. Thanks, Middlebury." • **Bill Geenty** was an Air Ranger military police officer for 28 years and lived in Hawaii for 21 years with his wife and children. He has been living in Washington State now for 18 years, where one of his responsibilities is president of the White Run Buddhist Temple! Bill has fond memories of Middlebury, where he was a brother in PKT and is very proud that PKT had the best parties on campus! He got to know Ma Kelly really well. He has not been back to Middlebury since his fifth reunion and sadly probably won't come back since all of his Middlebury buddies have died. Fun catching up with you, Bill! • **Mimi Packard Brown** is still enjoying life on Lake George in New York. (She has lived there year-round for the last 20 years.) She could not write anything herself for the class notes because of upcoming hip surgery, but asked **Ellie** to say hi! We reminisced about the fraternity party our freshman year on Lake George on a rented boat, where the frat brothers ended up having a bit too much to drink (NO WAY) and throwing the chairs overboard! We couldn't remember which fraternity it was, but could it have been Sig Ep? We are wishing her a speedy recovery. • **Taffy Taft Maynard** writes, "Our family has been very busy with so much activity at our bed and breakfast in Shrewsbury, Vt. This past summer we hosted guests from many parts of the country and hosted a rehearsal dinner for a wedding in town for 80 people! Great fun. Managing our property of 126 acres and keeping up with our family keeps us more than occupied! Look us up on highpasturesvt.com. We send you our best wishes." • We learned late last summer that two classmates have passed away: **Lucy Grant Dutton** died July 19 and **Sam Sylvester** died August 9. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. • Classmates, we hope you will continue to reflect upon Middlebury and how it has impacted your lives. Please send us your thoughts. Our deep appreciation to all those who have contributed to this issue. **Ellie** and **Mary**

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Alumni College #40 receives rave reviews. Classmates who attended included **Anne Walker Hayes**, **Millicent Fairhurst**, **Gayl Maxwell Braisted**, **Don Woodworth**, and Bea and **Bob Luce**. Anne, mentioning attendees as "verbal and bright students of all ages," praised a course on *Frankenstein* and two other books given by Prof. Cates Baldridge, chair of the Dept. of English and American Literatures. Anne recommends the event to "anyone who wants to spend an intellectually challenging three days at the beautiful Bread Loaf campus, which includes good food and drink." Bob found it "delightful, low-key, and intellectually stimulating, led by friendly, energetic Middlebury professors. The new president, Laurie Patton, made all 94 alums feel like our alma mater is in good hands." • Pat and **Fred Swan** visited with **Barb Hart Decker** while overlooking the Mississippi River. They enjoyed kayaking after attending the convention of Gideons International in San Jose, Calif., and spending four days in Yosemite National Park. In the spring they were in Spain on a Road Scholar trip. • John and **Jean Bybee Vlahos** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip, with several children and grandchildren, to a 250-year-old farmhouse in the Le Marche region of Italy. Highlights included dinners by the pool, hiking in the Sibillini mountains, drives to Urbino and Assisi, a trip to the beach at Civitanova, and a street festival at Colmurano. • From Maine **Les** and **Shirley Manchester McDowell** report that Les is still playing hockey and working at L.L. Bean. Shirley, after a recurrence of her breast cancer of 25 years ago, has now given up the walker and cane except on rough ground. The cancer is at bay and she is working on nerve damage and increasing mobility. They have sold their Scarborough Hallmark store, keeping the one in Falmouth. • **Paul Schosberg** claims that horses are amazing creatures proving once again there is nothing as good for the inside of a man/woman as the outside of a horse. He and wife Jane spent several days at Saratoga, N.Y., where their son has been training 16 horses at the oldest track in the U.S. Back home, they have two mares pregnant to top stallions and are selling yearlings at a Keeneland, Ky., auction. • **Ren Curry** and wife Nancy spent five weeks touring Norway and Denmark and visiting Amsterdam. Norway scenery is spectacular and travel is easy but, they say, "Book your rooms early." Denmark is flat. In fact, if you stand on a keg in Copenhagen, you can see the whole country. They enjoyed dinner with **Paul Wachtell** and his wife. • **Robine Andrau** writes, *"Bowing to the Emperor: We Were Captives in WWII* has finally been published. I would welcome honest reviews, posted on Amazon. You can contact me at randrau@comcast.net." Find out more on page 59. • **Stu Purdy** has found his third childhood in a fire-engine red Camaro convertible. It's so fast, it scares him! Stuart will be directing a play this winter, *K-2*, about two climbers on the second highest mountain in the world with enough rope for one to get down. When the play closes in February, he will recuperate in Puerto Vallarta. • **Jane Adwin Johnson** would love to hear from classmates and thanks all who have already gotten in touch. "Parkinson's precludes my answering anyone in longhand and I've found emails work best. Include your email address if you write me a letter. Please no sympathy letters! I'm at janenotsoplain@comcast.net or 13169 SE River Rd., Portland, OR 97222." • **Bob** and Polly Philbrick '60 **Ray** attended the 100th anniversary of the Loomis School, renewing several old friendships. • Kati and **Joel Boland** celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on the Big Island of Hawaii, with their family and granddaughter, for three weeks. • **Don Collier** has a major babysitting task! Ashdale David's Way, known as Davey, a top-event horse, was long-listed for the 2004 Olympics and was ridden by Don's daughter, Cindy, amassing 340 British eventing points. Davey is now 21 years old and resides with Don in Florida. • **Jan Martin Fenwick** and **Dorrie Landry Kehoe** were guests of **Noelle Caseley Locke** at her home in Cataumet, Mass. "There were smiles and laughter and reminiscences over Pi Phi and precious college days. Lucky all of us." • **Barbara Samson Thompson** had a successful knee replacement. Son Seth and wife Karen are back in the U.A.E. for his 10th year of teaching at American Univ. Barbara planned travel to England with family members. Grandson Ron III worked on the Jeb Bush campaign in Miami. • **John Rich** chased children all summer, from a son's Skidmore graduation to a stepson's award ceremony in the House of Representatives in D.C. as Guardsman of the Year, given by the *Military Times*. John returned to his summer digs in Squam, N.H., and visited the old mail boat he used to drive during his college summers. • **Nancy Frame Sveden** had a summer visit with Dennis and **Kate Bush Hardy** in Falmouth, Mass., and spent two weeks with her Norwegian "family." • **Avery Tillinghast** professes to be the oldest active sailor in the Alexander Lake Sailing Club, in his 60th year of racing. He won the Sunfish competition and placed fifth in the International 110 Class. He does admit that, at times, his age does not allow him to remember where all the buoys are located. • **Dean Beyer**'s granddaughter is featured on the cover of the University of California, Davis, basketball program. • **Andy Montgomery** and wife had lunch with Jane McKinney Johnson '62 and her husband in her hometown of LaGrange, Ga. Andy says, "I had not seen Jane since New Year's Eve '59."

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In August the Cow Sh*t Festival moved to the comfort of the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vt., from the farms of John Sinclair '62 or Pete Steinle '62. Several 1960ers were in attendance. Laurie and **Dave Barenborg** and **Herb Thomas** came in from Washington State, Lee and **Joe Bujold**, **Brud Folger**, and **Al** and Jean Yeomans '62 **Lamson** from Maine, **Bruce Burnham** from Atlanta, June and **Ralph Cobb** from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Bette and **John Gilwee** from Erie, **Dave** and **Sue Goodwin Hopkins** and **Sherm** and Bonnie Boyd '62 **Russ** from Massachusetts, **Duke Manley** from New

Hampshire, **Jim Coward** from Loudonville, N.Y., and **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** from Connecticut. Some others also in attendance were Jim '59 and Sally Tingle '61 Southard, Marge and Harvey Gray '61, Howard Mettee '61 and Rose from Ohio, and a whole bunch of '62ers. See the 1962 class column for more. • **Joe Bujold** is enjoying another season of Masters ski racing. Wife Lee, a Colby alumna, is a founding member of the Board of Governors of the Colby Art Museum. Lee just retired after 20 years and is justifiably proud of its remarkable collections and galleries. Joe and **Dick Atkinson** were in Middlebury in November to celebrate Duke Nelson's induction into the Middlebury Athletic Hall of Fame. • From Brookline, Mass., **Frank Olney** responded to our invitation to reunion. He noted that because he transferred out after two years, he doesn't have as much loyalty as others. He does have a bunch of relatives that went to Midd and visits for a day or so each summer. Frank is an architect and thinks the newest buildings are amazing. He also makes sure to have lunch at Mr. Up's. • Several from our class were at Alumni College in August and had a great time with warm and sunny weather and the largest number of attendees ever. They chose one from five interesting and varied courses to take plus enjoyed an evening lecture by **Russ Leng**, a movie night, and a banquet. Our class was represented by **Skip** and Kerry Reilly '62 **Ingold**, Cilla and **Russ Leng**, **Jean Emrich Battelle** with one of her daughters, Torey Battelle Semi '85, and **Loey Boon Hill** with friend Allen Stillman. The faculty, as always, was excellent. The multiple opportunities to discover connections with others and meet people for the first time at meals, in classes, and at cocktail hour were rewarding and great fun. • **Judy Neese Woods** has published another novel. *Reluctant Accomplice* is available on Amazon and any of the other e-book sellers. It's a historical story set in the court of James I of England. Judy and Bob were sorry to have missed reunion. In April they enjoyed a trip on the Elbe River in Germany. • Heike and **George Koenig** also had to miss reunion because one of their grandsons graduated from the Waldorf School in Philadelphia on the same weekend. The school ends at grade eight so this was an extremely important event. The following weekend they came to Vermont and stayed at the Mountain Top Inn north of Rutland. They drove up to Middlebury to visit and have lunch at Mr. Up's with **Jean Seeler-Gifford**. They also visited an old classmate from the Spanish School who lives near Dartmouth. • In July **Jean** bicycled with Vermont Bicycle Tours from Bratislava, Slovakia, to Budapest, Hungary, before the refugee crisis. She spent most of the rest of the summer commuting to Chicago to help her sister recover from an accident. After 50-plus years of holiday duty visits she took the time to enjoy the city, saw plays, joined the Art Institute, visited the Viking exhibit at the Field Museum, and even took an open-top double-decker bus tour of the city. Chicago can be a nice place to visit. • Hey, you folks who live south of the Mason-Dixon Line and west of the Appalachians: we New Englanders would love to read about you!

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REUNION CLASS **Sue Fisher Seeger** continues her various ministries as an Episcopal deacon. She currently serves at Church of Our Saviour in Arlington, Mass. Sue writes that she is able to walk there from her Cambridge home—"a real blessing." This past year she was involved in BlackLivesMatter in hopes of addressing yet again ever-prevalent racism. Along with some other women clergy in Arlington, Sue has been discussing ways to help our congregations address white privilege, an ongoing challenge. With winter upon us, Sue also works with the group BostonWarm to establish and maintain a day shelter. Sue was looking forward to seeing Midd classmates **Jeannie Rau Dawes**, **Linda Anderson Dalton**, **Sally Tingle Southard**, and **Jane Cram Strekalovsky** for a mini-reunion. She hopes to make it to our 55th reunion in June. • Spring will see **Jane Werner Bonnesen** and husband Stan taking a river cruise from the south of France up through the wine country, on to Paris, and then on to London via the Chunnel. Meanwhile Jane is enjoying the fruits of her last summer's garden, knitting, and volunteering at a local kindergarten. Jane says, "It's so refreshing to volunteer with kids who are so excited about learning!" • **Melinda Robart Ryder** and husband Dave are frequent travelers. A memorable trip last year was a Viking River Cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Melinda writes, "The architecture was beautiful throughout the whole trip. A friend asked if we felt we were only allowed to go where the Russians wanted and I have thought about that a lot. We were on the tourist route all the time but travel in both Moscow and St. Petersburg was unrestricted. We never felt watched or listened to but who knows? Our guides seemed very open. When asked what was best about becoming a democracy they said food in the markets, no lines, and unrestricted travel. They were very thankful to be able to get a passport and travel out of Russia." • I hope everyone who can possibly make the trip will join our class in June as we celebrate our 55th reunion. While perhaps not as momentous as the 50th, each opportunity to see longtime friends is precious.

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Betty Allen Hornbostel sent news about the latest Cow Sh*t Festival (CSF): "Our reunion was August 7–9. The CSF started in 1969 at Lynn and **Pete Steinle**'s farmhouse in Springfield, Vt. Then it was hosted by Breck '60 and Sue Hibbert Lardner '60 followed by Nancy and **John Sinclair** in Springfield, Vt. We have had a total of 23 reunions over the years. Notable event: having the Goodyear blimp circle our festival in 1976 at treetop level. This year we met at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vt. Attendees from our class and spouses or significant others included Nancy and **John Sinclair**, Lynn and **Pete Steinle**, Fran and **Gil Owren**, **John** and **Betty Hornbostel** from Florida, **Chuck Gately** from Chicago, **Barbara Allen Schulze**, John and **Carrie Kittell Hunt**, Sherm '60 and **Bonnie Boyd Russ**, **Arnie Manthorne** and Felice, Al '60 and **Jeanne Yeomans Lamson**, **Gordi Eaton**, **Tom** and **Marren Ward Meehan**, B.D. and **Jeremy Dworkin**, Barbara and **Spence Jackson**, Gail and **Bob Lilly**, Nancy and **Jim Laird**, **Chip Fisher** from Idaho, **Andy** and Carol Keyes '63 **Ferrentino**, Fran and **Brud Conn** from South Carolina, Al and **Anne Thornton Bridges** and **George Pransky** from the state of Washington, **Peter** and Jane Bachelder '63 **Johnson**, and Judy and **Charlie Tobey**. Attendees from other classes included June and Ralph Cobb '59, Steve Adams '63, Judy and Jim McKeown '63, Grace and Bill Butler '61, Lucia and Pete Swallow '65, Hugh Marlow '57, Phil Latreille '61, Bruce Johnstone '61, Priscilla "Kitty" Clapp '63 (flew in from Burma), Jane and Tim Moore '61, and Bob '61 and Lindy Place Kasvinsky '61. See the 1960 column for more attendees! **Gil Owren** was the master of ceremonies and did a wonderful job of honoring our hosts for all these years: the Steinles, the Lardners, and the Sinclairs. Other friends and relatives were also in attendance, including Jess Sinclair (John and Nancy's son) and Molly Bull (John and Nancy's daughter). Gil received a gift from the Patriots: a deflated football. Brud Folger '60 entertained us with his Maine humor. Middlebury couples who had been married the longest were honored and the prize went to Breck and Sue Lardner. Dave Hopkins '60 treated guests to an exciting ride in his 17-foot 1941 Chris Craft, which he has restored. We had over 80 for dinner on Saturday and were entertained by the Flames: a band that has played our '50s and '60s music for most of our festivals. The bodies were moving to the beat. Lake Morey has a great golf course, beautiful lake, tennis courts, trails, and all that we needed to keep ourselves busy. I was presented with a 'Babes for Bernie' button on Sunday morning, our day of departure." • Correspondent **Judy Bosworth Roësset** reports: Alumni College at the end of August was again lots of fun with entertaining fellow students from the fairly young to age 90, a gentleman from the Class of 1947 (and another from '48), very good food, free flowing wine, and five interesting courses to choose from. My husband chose the Rise and Sprawl of the Modern American City; I took the Ides of March, which required that we read five books. (I managed to plow through four.) The other three

courses were about Vermont landscape, the People's Civil War, and Frankenstein's Flesh: Three Literary Bodies. From what meal companions reported, the Frankenstein class was so risqué that the photographer who visited each class decided to sit down and listen to the morning's discussion rather than continue on his rounds to the next group! This year there was another member of our class: **Kerry Reilly Ingold**, who was in my husband's class, and Lois Boon Hill '60, another familiar face, was also in that class. One evening I spotted Kerry and husband Skip '60 ambling from the Barn back to home base in Birch Cottage hand in hand, a heartwarming sight to see. The weather was perfect for the long weekend, albeit still without any colorful fall foliage, and I highly recommend you all consider attending next summer. • **Kerry Ingold** told me she stays in touch with **Sue "Sam" McLaughlin McFadd**. Bernard and Sam McFadd usually visit the Ingolds in August in Warner, N.H., picking local blueberries and staying with them along with other old (non-Midd) friends in their beautiful home overlooking Mt. Kearsage. • **Sam** adds this note: "As for us in Hingham, Mass., our daughter and our three grandchildren are living with us, so life is kind of busy in a good way. But each year we try to escape part of the winter and head out to San Diego where Bernard's brother lives. Last winter we felt guilty not being here to shovel along with Christina and family as they struggled to keep the place and our cars from being buried in snow. And if anyone has an interest in seaplanes and Lake Champlain, I can recommend a wonderful place on North Hero Island, Vt., called the North Hero House, where we spent part of July—a wonderful spot with excellent food and a connection to a local seaplane operation that takes off from in front of the inn. We see Rosie and **Charlie Woodard** from time to time and walk or picnic with them at one of our favorite spots here in Hingham—World's End—a property of the Trustees of Reservations, as well as one of the islands in the Boston Harbor Islands Recreation Area. In the summer there are boats out of Hingham and Boston that sail out there on a regular schedule—there are some old forts and camping on some of them too."

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In Pacific Palisades, Calif., **Kane Phelps** has departed from specialized counseling to general counseling and in the process has enhanced his spiritual life via the Zen Center in Los Angeles. His twitter tag is #thezentherapist. • From Exeter, N.H., **Neil Savage** reports that being a volunteer for Ocean Conservancy has its benefits—walking New Hampshire beaches eases old age twitches in his left knee, gets the shore cleaned up, and while attempting to stay in step with 100 volunteer Girl Scouts, puts some spring in his gait! • **Meg Holmes Robbins** reports, "In September **Pete** and Ellie Williams '63 **Pringle**, Gary and **Lyn Wilkins Green**, Rachel and **Ben Rosin**, **Harold** and Jane Stevenson '63 **Fergus**, and Brooks and I spent 10 days on a Seine River cruise to Normandy. The path of the trip follows the Seine's twists and turns and meanders past green banks full of wildlife, quaint villages, medieval ruins, and historic sites and through six locks to the Normandy coast. The daily agenda included an interesting variety of tours in Paris, Vernon (Monet's Giverny and Rommel's headquarters), Les Andelys, Caudebec-en-Caux, Honfleur, the D-Day beaches, Caen and Bayeux, Rouen, and finally Conflans, a lovely hillside town close to Paris. *Lots* of history, fun, good conversation, and happy dining with the full French measure of butter-eggs-cream, wine, and cheese along the way. For those who could not join us for one reason or another at the last minute, we missed you! Our heartfelt thanks to **Jane Bachelder Johnson** for organizing the adventure!" • **Sabin Streeter** called me (**Chris**) and related that he is progressing well with poststroke therapy. He really sounded very upbeat. • Congratulations to **Dave Hanscom**, who was inducted into the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame in Park City, Utah, in September. His plaque reads, "By blending his passion for cross-country skiing with a deep appreciation of the Wasatch Mountains' back-country, Dave Hanscom played a pivotal role in putting Nordic skiing in Utah on world-class footing." Dave is a coauthor of *Wasatch Tours,* a guide to Nordic skiing in the Wasatch Mountains; organizes the Wasatch Citizens Series, an annual cross-country race circuit that attracts more than 300 contestants each winter; and submits stories on races to the *Park Record.* He and wife **Mary** (**Leslie**) have lived in Utah since 1970 and he worked in computers for Sperry Univac and the Univ. of Utah. • Check out a photo on page 67!

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Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: This issue comes to you from our best roving reporters, **Nancy Perry** and **Sam Gordon**, who each reached out to this correspondent with news about some of our classmates. Nancy and I ran into each other at a Class of '65 mini-reunion last year, interestingly enough. Some of you may recall from her submission to our OLDER New Faces that she reported being in remission from lung cancer diagnosed in 2010. Unfortunately, the cancer reappeared subsequently. In a recent conversation, however, Nancy happily reported that she underwent more therapy and has been declared cancer-free. As a matter of fact, she headed out for a trip through the Canadian Rockies. • Nancy's first referral was **Jean Waller Brune**. Jean is scheduled to retire as head of the Roland Park Country School, her alma mater, at the end of the current school year. She has led the growth of this prestigious 670-student school through a five-fold increase in endowment and greatly expanded foreign language offerings, and she created a STEM Institute that provides a special certificate for advanced studies in science, technology, engineering, and math. With 24 years at Roland Park, she is one of the longest serving heads of a private school in the Baltimore, Md., area. • Nancy also sent information on **Linda Berry**. From a piece Linda wrote for her high school reunion, it's clear that she has led a fascinating and varied life since graduating from Middlebury. Starting in New York as a computer programmer (there weren't many jobs available for a literature student), she moved to the coast of Maine, which suited her desire to spend more time in the natural world of mountains and beaches. From there, Linda began teaching skiing at Sugarloaf and then taught in Bend, Ore. Combining those experiences led her to start an electronics company, Time Tech, which produced timers for such events as the New York Marathon, the Ironman, and Nastar. Continuing on with her diverse interests, Linda then graduated as a licensed architect. She expressed pride in having a resort hotel in West Yellowstone and designing a library in Oregon. As Linda put it, "I like the collaborative process of working on large projects teaming up with people to make something that an individual couldn't do alone." • **Sam Gordon** alerted me to the following. You may have read in the news that there have been interesting discussions over the years concerning our 29th president, Warren Harding. While typically ranked near the bottom, some have maintained that he had accomplished much more than he is credited with. Nevertheless, part of his reputation has been based on a longtime controversy as to whether or not he fathered a child with one of his affairs with Nan Britton. The Harding family vigorously disputed her claim that Warren Harding fathered her child, Elizabeth Ann Blaesing. Well, thanks to Harding's grandniece, and our classmate, **Abigail Harding**, the truth has been verified. Abigail and her cousin, Dr. Peter Harding, instigated the DNA testing that confirmed the relationship to Ms. Britton's offspring. Abigail and Dr. Harding decided to pursue the matter and contacted James Blaesing, a grandson of Ms. Britton and son of the daughter she claimed to have been conceived by the president. Testing by AncesteryDNA, the genealogical website, found that Mr. Blaesing was a second cousin to Abigail, meaning that Elizabeth Ann Blaesing had to be President Harding's daughter. Abigail, a retired high school teacher in Worthington, Ohio, said the Nan Britton question is resolved. "I have no doubts left. I'm completely convinced." It's great to see that one of our own still believes in doing the right thing in the search for truth. Good for you, Abigail. • Correspondent

Dori Ells Jurgenson reports: Kit Telfair Wright sent an update on her travels and family. "The year after our 50th reunion featured two trips that I enjoyed very much. The first, in February, was to Maui with my daughter Beth, from Vermont, and her family. While there I caught up with Linda Berry, who lives in Kihei, Hawaii, where we stayed for a week. Then in May I joined a tour to Paris, for the trip that I never took when I was younger. That has been on my 'to do' list for many years, and finally I got my act together and went. In addition, family members and friends have made their way to Austin to visit for varying lengths of time. My granddaughter here in Austin is heading for middle school and my grandson in Vermont starts high school. If you heard about the flooding in Central Texas, that was pretty close, but I was not affected at all. This is a place of extremes, for sure. I have room for company and if you hanker to see Austin, just come on down!" • Pam Nottage Mueller, who did such a great job organizing our 50th reunion, also wrote in late June that she found attending as a guest this past year much more relaxing! She says: "Got this request for news just as we returned from Bill's 50th at Midd! It was interesting to be there as a bystander, rather than a classmate. Not nearly so frenetic, but rather a great way to relax and simply enjoy the Vermont countryside. I bumped into Mike Heaney at the veterans' gathering and we both were delighted that it was NOT our 50th! This time around Bill and I hiked part of the Trail Around Middlebury. We ended up at the organic garden, where a knowledgeable worker (a professor I believe!) told us all about what students do/learn/research in that oh-so-lovely place. And he gave me a bunch of dried wildflowers to take home as a memory of my visit! A special weekend!" • Woody Hickcox saw an obituary for former Midd coach Joe Morrone in the *New York Times* and writes, "Joe was a wonderful soccer and lacrosse coach but I experienced him as a member of the 1960–61 freshman basketball team. Joe was not a basketball man, but we managed to have a great deal of fun despite all the yelling and broken clipboards."

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To see in the eyes of our friends the glint of our youth! The glow and the connections still remain after our glorious 50th reunion. Many of us have continued to get together and stay in touch as a result of being together in June. Look into joining our class group on Facebook to see what classmates are posting. And join in the "Bottle Travels" of our Middlebury water bottles photographed in odd places around the globe—hiking in Spain, working out at a gym in Oregon, catching a Rockies game in Colorado, roaming the range in Wyoming, watching grandkids play football, hanging out at Alumni College at Bread Loaf in August, etc. • At Alumni College the '65 alums learning from and engaging in discussions with some of Middlebury's inspirational professors included Stan Kemmerer and wife Nancy, Bill and Pam Nottage '64 Mueller with daughter Kristen, Nancy Smith, Candy Thayer (wife of the late Jerry Thayer), and myself, Polly Walters. We also met with President Laurie Patton, a very dynamic woman and leader who certainly knew more after seven weeks on the job than most of us knew in the last 54 years. She is impressive! "T" Tall and Cy missed the Bread Loaf long weekend because they were off in the wilderness of Canada with their sons having a great time. • Stan Kemmerer regaled us with some stories about Ma Kelly shutting down his laundry business and his other creative income-producing schemes—Midd Kids with no money had to scramble—and hilarious escapades during his four years at Middlebury. He went on to become an ordained Episcopal priest, serving in parishes in the Midwest for many years before finding a blend of a pastoral presence with a corporate need in the head-hunting and human resources arena. A Bennington, Vt., boy, Stan claims kinship with Bob Dorf, an equally luminous and humorous classmate. • While at Alumni College I (Polly) visited with Jean Emrich Battelle '60, sister of our own Susan Emrich Bobilin. Sue is living in Orange, Mass., and putters around the village keeping busy. • Nancy Sherman Lyons and husband Mike have retired to an RV and are leisurely cruising the byways of America. They drove to our reunion, then went on to spend the summer in Maine. Fall found them in Albuquerque, where Mike went to school. • Also in the RV life are Libby Oliver and Bonnie Peel, who recently sold their Flagstaff, Ariz., home for life on the road. They spent the summer in and around Oregon and were planning to winter in California. Libby is an avid birder and remarkably talented photographer. Some of the photos of birds she captures are breathtaking. • Stay in touch! (And note the new email for "T"!)

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REUNION CLASS This is a BIG year coming up for us! We are already hearing from many of you who are making plans for travel to Middlebury in June. Our class has a nice slate of volunteers who are in full project mode working on plans to make our 50th memorable. We have four work groups: social, yearbook, memorial, and veterans. Here are your checklist questions: 1. Have you sent in your autobiography for the yearbook? (Yes, even if you can't join us in person!) 2. Have you blocked off all your calendars for June 9–12 so you can attend? • Steve Perry started us off this quarter with a newsy note. Steve retired in 2009 and before that was a professor of biology at the Universität Bonn since 1994. He spent 2010 as a guest professor of biology at the Universidade de São Paulo in Brazil, studying the changes in the respiratory and locomotor systems in legless lizards as compared to their relatives that have legs. Steve writes, "In addition to that I co-organized the third international meeting of respiratory science in Bonn and am now putting the finishing touches on a book about respiratory biology." Steve has also increasingly turned toward music, learning to play the 10-stringed Brazilian guitar and the German Waldzither and co-organizing a folk music venue called Folk Club Bonn. In addition to that, he sings in two choirs and in a stage group called Groove@Grufties, which has been putting on the same show for nearly five years now: The Rock 'n' Rollator Show. Steve writes, "I haven't run into a lot of Middlebury alumni over here, but shortly before I retired I was invited to visit the Middlebury German campus in Mainz and actually got to shake the hand of President Liebowitz. Just for fun I have decided to learn Welsh. The Univ. of Bonn has a Celtic language program, and once I have gone through their textbook by myself, I think I will enroll in a Welsh course. Learning languages when you are over 70 years old is not quite as easy as it used to be." Regarding his personal life, Steve got divorced for the second time in 2005, sold his house in 2012, and is now happily living in rental accommodations in a house owned by friends. If classmates decide to take a vacation in Germany, he would be more than happy to see them. Steve has highlighted the reunion dates in his appointment calendar and is looking forward to seeing classmates after such a long time. • Prue Frey Heikkinen reports seeing both Kitty Grant Galaitsis and Brenda Booth in the summer in her hometown of Ann Arbor, Mich. Kitty and husband Tony and Doug '68 and Kathy Baker Worden had been on an Alaskan cruise together in July. The first cruise for both couples, they enjoyed stops at Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan. Most spectacular was a sunny, beautiful day in Glacier Bay National Park. Kitty says, "That was beyond doubt the most amazing scenery these Midd grads had ever seen!" • Brenda and Prue spent a wonderful few hours catching up over lunch in August. As it happens, Brenda turns out to be a seasonal resident of Ann Arbor, as her son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren are "Tree Town" inhabitants. Brenda splits her time between Little Rock, Ark., and Ann Arbor. She's winding down a career with the Dept. of Psychiatry, Univ. of Arkansas, where she has been involved in a number of research studies on substance abuse. Her plan was to retire in October, leaving open a few special-exception projects in her schedule for deserving coworkers, who have sought her help beyond her retirement date. And, best of all—we will see her at the 50th reunion! • "In 2011 husband Rich D'Arconte and I started a chapter in our lives that I had never envisioned," writes Marilyn Keyes Barstow. "I retired from the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program (part of the Dept. of Commerce), he retired from

Aerojet, and we moved to the charming, coastal town of Southport, N.C. Here my days are filled with biking, walking Enzo, our rescue dog, on the nearby beach, volunteering at an elementary school, participating in a book club at a local wine shop, and, after more than 20 years off the ice, skating once or twice a week. In addition, Rich and I took up shag dancing, joining a group that refers to itself as the SOBs (Society of Brunswick Shaggers)!" Marilyn and Rich also love to travel. Recent favorite destinations include the Galápagos, New Zealand, Australia, and, of course, Italy. "In recent years, I've greatly enjoyed visiting **Joan Lardner Paul**, who now lives in Bethlehem, Pa., as well as **Dudley** and **Rita Crocitto King**, who have a lovely home in Hilton Head, S.C. I was also asked to represent Middlebury at the installation of the UNC Asheville chancellor, so the Middlebury connection continues. Most of all, I'm looking forward to seeing my classmates at our 50th reunion!" • **Polly Brown** is looking forward to seeing classmates in June. "**Ivo Meisner** and I live on the same small island of Martha's Vineyard, but our paths don't cross. However, the son of Ivo and **Cynthia** (**MacMackin**), Eerik, is on the police force here. As an EMT, I have a close relationship with the officers. He's a great asset to the town." Polly is retired from gainful employment, but is very busy with her EMT shifts, tennis, boating, and board activities, mostly in the health field. Her volunteer part-time job is Vineyard Village at Home, a service company she started about eight years ago to enable seniors who no longer want to or are able to maintain their homes and grounds or to drive to stay safely at home as they age. The service provides about 75 rides a week, all by volunteers. Polly says it's part of a nationwide Village movement and is very rewarding! • Please visit our Class of 1966 group page, available at www.facebook.com/middlebury. We have lots of photos of our earlier reunions already posted and hope to share some more with you as our 50th approaches. Feel free to post some current photos, too! There's a great recent photo of **Fred Beams** and **Mike Keefe** and a vintage photo of **Marilyn Barstow** with **Rita King**.

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Sam Guarnaccia is a classical Spanish guitarist and composer. His work, *Emergent Universe Oratorio*, reflects his concern for our world ecological crisis and hopes to awaken the audience's concern and make them aware of "emergent possibilities." The *Emergent Universe Oratorio* is an hour-and-half-long choral and chamber orchestra composition copresented with dynamic visual art conceived in response to the current unfolding scientific cosmology as presented in the 2011 documentary *Journey of the Universe.* In May, **Marion Boultbee** attended the D & R Greenway Land Trust reception (with a talk on "Land, Environment, and the Arts" by John Elder, author, poet, and Middlebury professor emeritus) and a performance of Sam's oratorio. In July, I (**Susie Davis Patterson**) was privileged to attend Sam's *The Celtic Mass for Peace: Songs for the Earth* at the Salisbury, Vt., Summer Music Series. I was part of a packed house listening to beautiful, earthy, and spiritual music Sam composed in 10 sections (full overture with nine songs and eight musical interludes) to accompany the text by Celtic poet J. Philip Newell. Sam lives in Middlebury, and we'll look forward to hopefully involving him in our 50th reunion musical offerings. • **Bill Powers** sent very interesting news of himself and other classmate close friends. After Bill's wife, Carol, died in 2000, he retired from Chrysler and got two volunteer jobs: docent at the Detroit Zoo and runner in the operating rooms at St. John Hospital. Additionally, he started traveling and has been around the world multiple times. He also got into photography and birdwatching. While traveling in Southeast Asia, Bill met Thu, who was his tour guide in Da Nang, Hue, and Hoi An. They continued to email, and Thu joined Bill in Bangkok on his way home from a subsequent trip to Japan. They continued to meet in many places from Scandinavia to Bhutan, and Kenya to Singapore. Talk about romantic dating! Thu also visited Bill in the U.S. several times, but finally the U.S. government denied her another tourist visa, saying, "She likes the U.S. too much!" So they obtained a fiancée visa and were married in 2011. Bill has brought Thu (now a U.S. citizen) to see Middlebury and promises to bring her to our 50th reunion. • Bill sent news about his Midd roommate **Fred Myers**: Bill has met Fred in Hong Kong and has visited his home near Perth, Australia, where Fred put him to work harvesting olives, and where he met Fred's sheep and kangaroos. • Also from Bill came news about another one of his Midd roommates: Steve Amster '68 is a retired colonel, anesthesiologist, lawyer, and more. • Wof67 celebrated 23 years of continuous fall gatherings by renting three chalets at Mountain Top Resort in Chittenden, Vt., in mid-September. For three glorious days in Vermont sunshine, 36 of us enjoyed scrumptious food, lake and trail activities, and most of all, each other. We had some women with us who not only had never been to a Wof67 event but haven't been back to Middlebury since our graduation. **Marion Boultbee** wrote in her post-thank you, "Once again, we all came together with open hearts, open minds, and open arms as well as an enthusiasm that I have not experienced in any other group. Whether we were best buddies or virtual strangers 50 years ago, we welcomed, listened, supported, and encouraged each other. I feel so blessed." We kicked off our 50th reunion planning by inviting our Alumni Office liaison to come down to join us one evening, but most meaningfully, we re-introduced ourselves and recommitted ourselves to the rich, continuing relationships among us all. From sitting on our dorm beds knitting and chatting in groups after dinners in the dorms, to feeling safe enough now after 50 years to spill our personal tales of life challenges, concerns, and joys, we agreed that we may be 70 years old (some still have that landmark birthday ahead of them) on the outside, but we are still our essential Middlebury girlhood selves on the inside. Our group photo at Mountain Top is posted on our class Facebook page: "Middlebury Class of 1967." If you are not a member of that page, notify the Alumni Office or **Susie Patterson** and ask to be added to it. Our 50th reunion planning will be posted there as it develops. You can also see our photo on page 81. • **Jana Mariah Mara Coffin** writes: "Beware of returning for reunions! Two people who had never even spoken to each other (**Jon Coffin** and I) during their time at Midd ended up at the same table at the Friday dinner for our 45th. It was a lovely connection, but when one is headed to Maine and the other to Seattle, Wash., there isn't much more to be expected besides a shrug and a 'See you at the 50th.' How fortunate it didn't happen that way! After a tentative emailing start, followed by phone calls (it was good we both had Verizon since by September we were up to something like 7,000 minutes), I visited Maine in September while getting together with my beloved Women of '67 group. Jon came to Seattle in October and again after Thanksgiving. I moved to Maine at the end of December. I took a leave of absence and rented out my condo so if it turned out that East and West really shouldn't meet, all would not be lost. Happily for us, that's not the way it turned out!"

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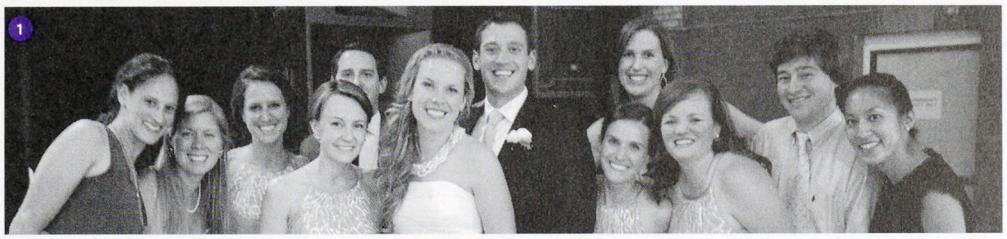
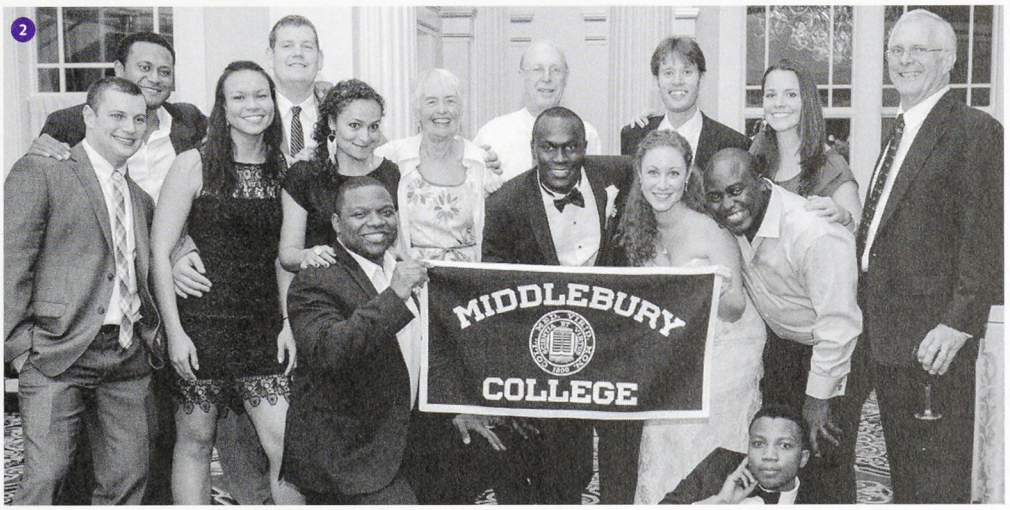
Prof. **D.K. "Skip" Smith** writes: "After Middlebury I taught primary school for two years in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone; after that I did an MBA at Tuck School and then worked for about five years for Norwest Bancorporation in Minneapolis, Minn. After doing a PhD in marketing at the Univ. of Minnesota, I taught for about six years at Michigan State Univ., and then for nearly 20 years at Southeast Missouri State Univ. in Cape Girardeau (home of Rush Limbaugh). For most of the last six years, wife Teresa Petschl-Smith and I worked full time in Nigeria. I served for two years as dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship at American Univ. of Nigeria (AUN) and then three years as dean of the faculty of management and social sciences at a private university called Baze Univ. in Abuja (the federal capital of Nigeria). As for Teresa, she served as the assistant director of finance at AUN and then as the head of administration at a private primary/nursery school in Abuja called Start-Rite. On January 1, 2015, we relocated to the house my father (Prof. D.K. Smith) built 60 years ago in Middlebury. I look forward to re-engaging with old friends, intro-

ducing those friends to Teresa, and re-engaging with certain activities (for example, skiing) that haven't (for the last six years) featured very prominently in our lives." • **Jan Ells** reports, "I always love reading the class news. I have been retired from my school social work job for 13 years (yikes, where did that time go?). I continue to cover pregnancy leaves as I love the job but also love the freedom of only working sometimes. Husband Michael and I have focused on travel. We have been to Africa to see and photograph wildlife, to the Galápagos, Amazon, Machu Picchu, Antarctica, Iceland with a tour group, and lots of places on our own, like New Zealand, Australia, and Europe. Travel, like education, is one of the few things you can spend money on and end up richer for it. We have met many people in many countries and find, not surprisingly, that we all share the same joys and concerns. Our tour group was reasonable and gave good value, so let me know if anyone would like their information. I have had several enjoyable visits with **Laurie Brown** since reunion, but have not seen any other classmates since then. I will look forward to seeing you all at the 50th. (50th, are you kidding me? How did that happen?) • You may remember **John Allen** as riding a bicycle around campus. John lives with his wife and son in Waltham, Mass., and still cycles regularly. He works as technical writer and editor on the bicycle repair and maintenance website sheldonbrown.com; he also serves as a consultant and expert witness in bicycle-related lawsuits, is building a couple of innovative keyboard instruments, and does occasional translation work. • **Walter Becker** writes, "Good news—I became Grandpa last November; bad news—Cole is spitting image of Grandpa, poor kid. Time to start putting funds aside for Midd tuition. Living the good life in The Villages, Fla." Walter plans to see everyone at our 50th! • From **Dan Curry** we hear, "Recently got back from South Africa after completing principal photography on *Clan of the Cave Bear*. The South African crew was terrific, one of the very best I have worked with, competent and exceptionally cooperative. Director Pierre Morel (*Taken*) was a joy to work with, as were the writer and producers. It was great to have such a positive experience at this stage of my career and reminded me what I love about working in this industry. The real work begins in post-production as we edit and create the visual effects, which include computer-generated extinct animals. As senior visual effects supervisor, I oversee a terrific team of artists and animators responsible for creating that which is impossible." • We were saddened to hear that in September we lost two of our classmates. **Keith "Nikki" McCausland** passed away on September 2. And on September 4, **Susan Blume White** died of complications from MS. We extend our sympathy to their families and loved ones. **Sue Hastings Chandler** sent this about Susan White: "'Blossom' (to many) died last week after a long struggle with MS. She was such a great example of how one can cope with adversity





1 Kacie Sherman '07 was married to Steven Achatz on September 27, 2014, at St. Catherine's Church in Somerville, Mass. Among the Middlebury bridesmaids and attendees were '07 classmates Dana Weissman, Meg Weber, Lauren Kiel Sabato, Louisa Irving, Matt Sabato, the newlyweds, Maren Schultz Scheiner, Carlie Harrington Hulme, Beth Butler Ingram, Chris Ingram, and Rita Tarnate. 2 Two wedding ceremonies were held for Jimmy Manyuru '07 and Megan Nunnelly: one in Simsbury, Conn., on June 13, 2014, and one in Nairobi, Kenya, on June 21, 2014. Friends attending the ceremony in Simsbury included David Tswamuno '06 (on ground), Jason Jude '08, the newlyweds, Kevin Immonje '02, (second row) Kevin Conroy '16, Epeli Rokotuiveikau '04, Melissa Whitehead '08, Sean Meany '08, Asena Woodward '07, Jean and Bob Bergesen (host parents), Ted Parker '08, Heather Harken Parker '08, and Ward Patterson (rugby coach). Attending the Kenyan ceremony were Arthur Mulwa '06, Anthony Manyuru '10, and Nick Immonje '08.

3 Phoebe Chase '00 and C. David Ramsey '02 were married July 5, 2014, in Mead Chapel and celebrated with 20 other Midd alums, including the Grift, who played at the reception. Friends who joined the couple (in front) included (all '00 unless noted) Jme McLean (with Sai), Brooke Henry Manfredi, Sean Nelson '02, Clint Bierman '97, Heather Thompson Sanborn '97, (second row) Justin Drechsler '02, Caitlin Corey Drechsler '02, Tim Dewey-Mattia (with Kaya), Kevin Manfredi, Peter Day '01, Jeff Vallone '98, Cameron Brown Garriepy '99, (third row) Genevieve Berdoulay Coffey, Lauren Wilkis Bedford, Ben Bedford, Adam Popkin, Colleen Bramhall Popkin, Benjamin Schlechter '99, (fourth row) David Barreda and Seth Mukai '98. 4 For the first time in 60 years, Frank Punderson '55 and Burt Emory '56 met up again, on Indian Lake in the Adirondacks.

with strength and grace and humor. She was always so thoughtful and creative about what she needed to do to be on top of or ahead of her increasing limitations. She was my roommate junior and senior years and a great friend to me and so many. She and husband Chris '63 summered on Cranberry Island, Maine, where Susan delighted in her position for the *Mount Desert Islander*, chronicling the comings and goings of both permanent and summer residents. Her two sons and one granddaughter brought her great joy."

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Correspondent **Anne Harris Onion** reports: On a beautiful mild September weekend, just about 50 years after we all arrived at Middlebury and learned all the songs for the sing-off at Bread Loaf, 17 women of our class had the privilege to gather at **Connie Coffin Carter**'s camp on Long Pond in Maine for a very special weekend. **Ginny Hopper Hoverman** masterminded the planning, **Beth Hitchner Kingston** did a fabulous job with the scrumptious food, **Pat Cross Anderson** served as our treasurer, while **Eleanor Motley Richardson** was our unofficial photographer. **Sue Robb Weidner** got the prize for farthest distance traveled, from Arizona, and every single participant was essential to the weekend's success, as we cooked and cleaned up together, boated and swam, played games, laughed heartily, and shared in countless ways our stories, struggles, and aspirations in life, learning so much from one another. **Barbara Brennan Dooley**, **Julia Lord Soule**, and **Mary MacArthur Wendell** were part of the Massachusetts contingent, along with Ginny; **Pat Whitney Messler** traveled up the road from coastal Maine, as did Eleanor; New Hampshire was well represented by **Dijit Tripp Taylor**, **Marge Carran Shepardson**, **Betsy Taylor**, and me. Clocking long hours of car travel were **Julie von Wettberg** from New York and **Shirley Markland** and **Linda Colwell Bouffard**, who came from Vermont with Beth and Pat. A highlight for me was the singing video we did for **Elinor Livingston Redmond** who could not make it at the last minute, followed by singing Middlebury songs! We are already envisioning another gathering, location to be decided, dependent on interest: any woman of our class who is interested in coming, please contact us! • Correspondent **Peter Reynolds** reports: With twins, I became a grandfather for the first and second time in July; then I made a grandpas three-week backpacking trip along the John Muir and Pacific Crest Trails in August.

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Dick and **Meg Floyd McCann** went back to do volunteer work at Hôpital Albert Schweitzer in rural Haiti for a week last December. Doing surgery in that environment is a rewarding challenge. In March, Meg went again, as a board member of Maison de Naissance, a reproductive health center and birthing home in southern Haiti. Dick continues full time as a vascular surgeon at Duke; Meg has retired from her job as deputy editor of the journal *Epidemiology*. • **Sidney Marsh Moon** and husband Doug Sprenkle are enjoying their retirement in Steamboat Springs, Colo., where they hike, backpack, and bike in the summer and ski and snowshoe in the winter. They have reconnected with **Harry** and Lynn Francis '71 **Zinn**, also living in Steamboat. Sidney received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Purdue Univ. in the fall in recognition of her work as a scholar in the field of gifted, creative, and talented studies. • **Hannah Rikert Morvan** writes, "I retired from teaching first grade after 43 years, and I'm reveling in the time that has opened up for me to enjoy other pursuits. We're keeping busy raising oxen, making maple syrup, selling firewood and fieldstone, running a guesthouse, and playing in the Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra. My dad, Carroll Rikert, who was treasurer at Middlebury when we went there, passed away in June at 97. We already miss him terribly!" • **Larry Colvin** shared this happy news: "Taffy Simone and I got married on June 26 of last year in Medfield, Mass. In October we took a honeymoon trip to Paris and a river cruise on the Seine up to Normandy. Taffy's father was an infantryman who came ashore at Normandy on D-Day so it's meaningful for us both. Taffy and I have six grown daughters and seven grandchildren between us so things are always lively!" • And finally, one of the hard parts of sharing our class news is passing along information about classmates that we have lost. Last spring, two of our classmates passed away: **Jeff Taylor**, who lived in Hopkinton, N.H., passed away on April 7 at Concord Hospital. Jeff is survived by Dijit (Tripp) '69, his college sweetheart and wife of 44 years; his daughters Hannah, Bethany, and Emily; his mother, Betsy Ross Taylor; and sister Sally Beote; as well as many beloved family members and dear friends. • **Bruce MacFadden** passed away in Ocala, Fla., on May 6. He's survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Lynn; son Christopher of Washington, D.C., daughter Andréa of Gainesville, Fla., and stepson Jeffrey Handfield of Alachua, Fla.; his sister Robin Parish and her husband Richard of Wheaton, Ill., as well as several nieces and nephews. We remember both Jeff and Bruce as good friends to all and great lovers of the outdoors.

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REUNION CLASS Our 45th reunion (yeah, takes a while to count that high) will be June 10–12. The pleasure of your company is requested. • **Bob Zuck** says he wouldn't miss the reunion for anything and adds: "Is it my imagination, or do these things get better and better? Life is good down here on the ranch outside Providence, R.I. Two daughters engaged, business (greenhouse, nursery) is booming, retirement looming(?) and, just possibly, late blooming. I finally came full circle to doing watercolors for the first time this summer and am enjoying some beginner's luck at this once scary medium. Deb, a fifth grade teacher, is looking at two more years tending to the little darlings. Hallelujah!" • **Dick Schroth,** who is "probably" joining us in June, provides this update: "Linda (Henstrand) '74 and I have recently moved to a smaller home on a pretty lake in East Hampton, Conn., the town we have lived in since 1978. We feel fortunate that we have our three kids and four grandkids all within a half-hour drive of our home and that we get to see them regularly. Linda has dropped down to working just two days a week as a family doctor, and I am trying to do the same, but neither of us is in a big hurry to retire. I enjoy my work as a custom software developer, and I still try to play a lot of tennis, and we both enjoy hiking and biking as well. And we recently had a wonderful weekend in Middlebury with **Churchill** and Janet Halstead '72 **Franklin** and a bunch of mostly DU friends. Middlebury is as beautiful as ever." • **Ken Remsen** retired in December 2014 after over 40 years in education as teacher, coach, principal, adjunct professor, camp counselor, and state education agency employee. He now serves on the alumni board and board of trustees at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine, and enjoys spending time with three granddaughters and one grandson. • **John Tuttle** says he will try to make it to the reunion and adds, "1971 was a long time ago. I last visited Midd for my daughter's graduation in '97. Since the 25th reunion I have been divorced and remarried, all my children are married, and I have two grandchildren, with one on the way. I've been involved with the National Ski Patrol for 39 years, the last five as Central New York Region director, and I'm a member of the Eastern Division Board of Directors. I have a great career helping people prepare for a successful retirement, which I enjoy so much I don't plan to retire, just take more time off." • **David Schooler** writes, "Wife Kristen Webb and I have lived in Bellevue, Wash., for 32 years. We have a 25-year-old son. After 22 years as president of Sterling Realty Organization, a privately held regional, real estate management, and development company, I now serve as chairman of the board." • **Chris Rudkin,** master of brevity, reports: "Still happily retired, still living in Boulder, Colo." • From **Peter Wood** we heard: "I do plan on coming to reunion. Wife Ellen and I continue to enjoy retirement. Between our time at home in Maine and visiting Ellen's daughters and their families in Missouri and Indiana, we have been to Antarctica on the National Geographic Explorer and recently returned from a two-week photography safari in Tanzania. I am still

consulting, currently with a hospital in Alabama." • **Jon Torrant** checks in from Litchfield, Conn.: "I wouldn't miss reunion for the world. I have kept programs from our 25th, 30th, 35th, and 40th reunions, and I also have an ORIGINAL copy of the 1967 edition of New Faces. Collector's item! Susan and I have been married for 41 years and have one son, Michael. I spent 12 years with Ingersoll-Rand, then started a business as an independent manufacturers' representative, which lasted from 1984 through 2013. I am now semi-retired. I still referee high school and prep school basketball games and will do so as long as I can run. It keeps me active and out of trouble in the dead of winter. We plan to downsize our residence soon, but would like to stay in Litchfield, where we are both natives. I have been a town selectman for the past few years—a somewhat thankless job but one that must be done." • **Sue Thornton** reports: "I'm still living in Binghamton, N.Y., with husband Gerry. Our daughter, Eleanor, is finishing her undergraduate degree at SUNY New Paltz. I'm teaching French to grades eight and nine. A terrific perk of my job is that I traveled to France in March as a chaperone for 12 amazing high school students. We spent three days in Paris and 11 days in Arcachon in western France. At home I sing with a community chorus, which presented Handel's *Messiah* in December. I have published some short fiction recently in two literary magazines." • Finally, **Vassilios Haralambides'** daughter Eva has notified us that Vassilios died of cancer on July 29 in Mytilene, Greece. Born and raised in Athens, he attended Athens College before coming to Middlebury. He did postgraduate studies at the Univ. of Toronto and spent several years in Canada before returning to Greece, where he worked as a documentary filmmaker.
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Hank O'Neill writes, "Aloha from Hawaii! I wanted to let our classmates know that **Paul Johnston** has just had a book published chronicling the excavation of a shipwreck in Hanalei Bay in Hawaii (Kauai). Paul is with the Smithsonian and the excavation and the subsequent book were a many years project for him. The name of the book is *Shipwrecked in Paradise—Cleopatra's Barge in Hawaii*. The story about the boat and the process of its excavation is fascinating. Although it's a scholarly book, Paul is a great writer and the book is an easy read. (His lectures are similarly terrific.) The book can be purchased online from Barnes and Noble (and probably Amazon as well) and I would urge not only our classmates but other Middlebury alums as well to

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Listed as a Super Lawyer in *Connecticut* magazine, **Michael Kerin** (MA '92) is a board-certified workers' compensation specialist in the Kerin Law Offices. • **Paul Keane** (MA '97) wrote an article for nhregister.com about his college experiences in the 1960s at Ithaca College. He is a retired high school teacher. • After two years as head of Fryeburg Academy in Maine, **Erin Mayo** (MA '00) has signed on for another four years of leading the private school. • **Larissa Vigue Picard** (MA '00) was recently named the new executive director of the Pejepscot Historical Society, a nonprofit, educational organization that preserves the heritage of Brunswick, Harpswell, and Topsham, Maine. • **Kara Dupré** (MA '15) was recently profiled in the *Daily Hampshire Gazette*. She is the director of athletics at Northampton (Mass.) High School and lives in Easthampton.

BETTY ASHBURY JONES MA '86 SCHOOL OF FRENCH

James Roberts (MA '74) recently addressed the Foreign Policy Assoc. of Harrisburg, Pa., on "Terrorism, the West, and the ISIS Threat." He teaches strategic leadership and defense resourcing at the Eisenhower School, National Defense Univ. in Washington, D.C.

GERMAN SCHOOL

Karen Heintges Gaucher (MA '72) writes, "I have temporarily left executive recruiting to work on a campaign to elect a woman as the next Secretary-General of the UN. Please check us out at www.womansg.org. We would welcome your support!" • **Tyler Carrington** (MA '07) is serving as visiting assistant professor of German studies at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, this academic year.

ITALIAN SCHOOL

In June, **Mary Ann Genova Diorio** (MA '68) published *Surrender to Love*. She also writes for children and has a blog called *Matters of the Heart* and one for teenage girls called *Gabriel Girls*. She lives in New Jersey with husband Dom. • **Anne Greeott** (MA '98) was named an ALTA Travel Fellow by the American Literary Translators Assoc. and will attend the annual ALTA conference. In 2014 she was given a Fulbright grant to research and translate the poetry of Mario Luzi in Florence, Italy. She has worked on translating novels as well. • **Elana Horwich** (MA '03), who is the founder of the five-year-old Meal and a Spiel, a quasi-roving cooking school, was profiled in the *Jewish Journal* in an article titled "Food: Deep Jewish Roots in Tuscany." She hosted an event she called "Sukkot for Goyim" in a backyard in Beverly Hills, Calif.

MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT MONTEREY

The United Nations announced prestigious new appointments for two alumnae in 2015. **Deirdre A. Durrance** (MACI '86), the new chief of the UN's contractual translation unit in New York, has worked on four continents as a conference interpreter for numerous international organizations and on diplomatic assignments for over 20 years. **Michelle Keating** (MATI '93), the new chief of language services at the UN's division of conference management, has worked in language e-services in international organizations for 17 years, most recently at the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization. • **Alyssum Pohl** (MAIEP '12) was finishing a two-year fellowship with NOAA and wanted to combine her interest in ocean conservation with something relevant for people who don't live in coastal areas. She created her own research project—paddling the length of the Mississippi from Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico—taking water samples every 100 miles of the 2,400-mile route and sending the samples to an independent lab for testing for microplastics. Alyssum recently completed the journey and is writing a paper on the results.

SPANISH SCHOOL

In June **Jim Fraser** (MA '67) retired from Western Reserve Academy, a private, secondary-level, coed residential school in Hudson, Ohio. There for 48 years, he taught Spanish and coached cross country, hockey, and track. For his retirement, his daughter put together an 80-page Shutterfly book with letters, comments, and photos gathered from alumni. He says it was most impressive and quite humbling. He plans to spend a minimum of six months every year in Lima, Peru. • **Laurence White** (MA '75) is a real estate sales associate at Childers Sotheby's International Realty and lives in Mantoloking, N.J., with wife Jane. They have three children. • The Philadelphia Area Spanish Educators recently presented the Teacher of the Year Award to **Georgina Hernandez Elortegui** (MA '78), an assistant professor of Spanish at Montgomery County Community College. As well as teaching, she has facilitated the study abroad program at the college since 2009. • **Diane Librizzi** (MA '78) has joined advertising, marketing, and public relations agency Dixon Schwabl as a media director. • **Debbie Gruppe Rutherford** (MA '81), who is assistant head of school at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania, was the featured speaker at the opening convocation of its 123rd academic year. She has served on the faculty since 1977. • **Bonnie Watterson Barron** (MA '10) has joined Parker School as an Upper School Spanish teacher. After working in public and private schools in the San Francisco Bay Area, she is returning home to Hawaii. • In November Prof. **Bryan Kirschen**, assistant professor of Spanish at Binghamton Univ. in New York, was the featured speaker at the Beth David Shabbat Luncheon and talked about "Judeo-Spanish as a Jewish Language: Realities and Ideologies."

pick up a copy. Paul gets no royalty money from any sales, but I think it would be great to acknowledge his work. Maybe we can get it on the bestseller list. My wife and I were lucky enough to spend time with Paul several times during his travels to Hawaii in connection with his excavation project. When you live on an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, you rarely get to interact with people with a shared past in Vermont. It was a treat." • We're sorry to report that **Philip Kehl** passed away on August 12 at his home in Short Hills, N.J. Philip had been a research analyst on stocks, most recently for Morgan Stanley before his retirement in 2002. He's survived by his wife Anne (Lahey) '71 and sons Philip '06 and Andrew. • **Peter** and Isabel Browne '74 **Driscoll** have published a book titled *The Airman's Arctic Survival Guide.* As editors and contributors, they have put together diagrams and lectures for the training of survival techniques in the Arctic and North, 1942–52, all by Belmore Browne, Isabel's grandfather. The book features 38 pen-and-ink illustrations of instructive lessons and 12 naturalist lectures he prepared for the U.S. Air Force during WWII and the Korean War. For more information, see page 59.

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We love hearing from '73ers, but receiving news of classmates passing away is always very sad to hear. In August we lost two: **Ed Chase** and **Jonathan Hunt**. Our sincere condolences go to their families and their friends, who would include quite a few of us. Ed had a long and successful career in the ski industry, highlighted by his work as the ski tech for the Mahre brothers, legends in the alpine-ski-racing world. Tim Etchells '74 wrote a particularly moving piece about his ski patrol and Slug brother in *Ski Racing* magazine. Jonathan was a Maine native, a librarian and collector, and a true student of the liberal arts. Friends are invited to share memories of these classmates. Links to their obituaries and Tim's tribute can be found on our class Facebook page. • Some of us may have attended our 40th reunion program, "Life Re-imagined, A Conversation," but if you didn't, you missed an inspirational presentation by **Keith Oberg.** Keith earned a master's from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and worked in that field for many years. He told us about how he began a second career in 2005, developing Bikes for the World, a program where secondhand bicycles are collected, refurbished, and shipped overseas to give citizens across Africa, Central America, and parts of Asia an affordable means of transportation and livelihood. Their mission, in a nutshell "changing lives, one bike at a time," provides opportunities for education, work, and self-sufficiency, improving the quality of life for many. As of 2014, over 100,000 bikes have been shared overseas! Here in the United States, Bikes for the World encourages community and humanitarian service, offers experiences where youth can gain skills in bicycle maintenance, and helps the environment. The program has collection centers in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, metropolitan New York, and western Pennsylvania. The Johns Hopkins Univ. recently awarded him their Distinguished Alumnus Award for his "extraordinary humanitarian service." After being intensely involved in the program these last 10 years and more, he recently survived a rare fungal infection and is working to transition out of the program and retire (again!). Check out our Facebook page for a link to the website and a video, *Re-'Cycling' to Empower the World.* He also shared the happy picture from the wedding of his son Alex '10 and daughter-in-law Carla Cevasco '11. • **Lindy Osterland Sargent** reports: "In 1987, a group of friends started a tradition of mini-reunions as a tribute to the fact that we'd known each other half of our lives since first meeting in Batt North in the fall of 1969. Husbands and small children gathered with us that August in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. The reunions tapered off for a bit while careers and families were prioritized. The ladies' tradition resumed and grew to include more classmates as we rotated locations around New England. This past August in Boston the gathering included **Ria Torres Murphy**, **Alison Sommers Kennedy**, **Deborah Shinn**, **Loring Starr**, **Jeannie Northrup Burditt**, **Kathy Wilson**, **Kris Bye Strandness**, **Kate "Ciddy" Aring Piper**, **Jay Aronson**, **Hatti Campbell Saunders**, **Deborah Goudreau**, and me. Having friends travel from Minnesota, California, and Ontario added to the joy (and amazement!) that we've now known each other 46 out of our 64 years! Besides reminiscing over stories from those days and nights in Middlebury (and catching a chuckle and raised eyebrows from the Uber driver who listened to some stories of wild and crazy times), we found ourselves sharing many life experiences and cultural, political, and book discussions. A picture will appear in a future issue, but you can find it now on our Class of 1973 Facebook page." • Please send in your reunion stories, pictures, and news! We all want to hear about your jobs, transitions, personal lives, travels, kids, grandkids, questions, memories, life-changing experiences, even your "organ recitals"! • **Lisa Donati Mayer** reports: "In September I had the pleasure of attending **Terry Sweeney**'s reading at the Leslie Lohman Museum in Manhattan. Terry was launching his new book, *Irritable Bowels and the People Who Give You Them.* The room was packed. Terry is a wonderfully hilarious reader, and I was up well past midnight, enjoying his very funny book—with its references to our own Middlebury. Terry has promised an update here but will be extra busy for a while, doing readings around the country. Catch one if you can!" See more about Terry on page 78. • Another class author, **Joe Bergin**, writes, "I was asked by Boston's laureate, the witty and charming Danielle Legros Georges, to read with her as a 'carpenter poet' at Quincy Market on August 13 as part of the Literary Lunchbreak series. It was a lot of fun, as you can imagine. Now, to my great excitement, I'm helping to plan some large-scale events (celebrity poetry series, Red Sox Baseball Poetry Contest) with the laureate and other poetry powers that be. If anyone's in Sag Harbor, Ted Conklin, the owner, very graciously hung a framed poem I had written 20 years ago in tribute to his ancient and fabulous American Hotel in the front, near the bar, I'm told. I saw **Dean Nikitas** at the Red Lion Inn this summer. He's doing well and still armed with the old wit and wisdom. Perhaps I can entice Bostonians **Ria Murphy** and **Tutu Dale** to come out for a poetry event." If you want to know a little bit more about carpenter poets, google them and visit FB'73 and see some links. Joe also had read Terry's book: "Reading it is like visiting with our beloved Terrance again and enjoying his trenchant, wild, yet ever-so-kind observations of things."

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John Halloran has served as the controller for a local supermarket chain (four stores) for the last 25 years. Previously he worked in the banking industry. He and his wife live in Connecticut and have two daughters, one an architect in Atlanta and the other working on a doctorate at Indiana Univ. They enjoy traveling/cruising and hope to do more of that when they retire in a few years. • **Jim Ware** writes, "My wife, Sharon, and I live in Harvard, Mass., and have three children. We've lived in this town, which I would define as perfect for Norman Rockwell, for 27 years with no expectations of leaving in the near future. Lindsay (23) is living at home and working a couple of jobs, one of which is a substitute teacher at a day care center; Ali and Pat (both 21) are finishing their senior years at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Sharon and I have had a wonderful time visiting our kids as they've done their own traveling: Mendoza, Argentina, for a junior year abroad for Ali and Pat; Malta to meet Lindsay who traveled for eight months around the Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea on a tall ship; and most recently to England where Pat was racing in the Henley Royal Regatta. We also continue to ski as much as possible. I continue to work part time as the tax director for a small tool manufacturer in Massachusetts. I play soccer in the Over-the-Hill soccer league (assuming I have not pulled a muscle recently), sing with a local choral group, and occasionally play bridge with Tim Counihan '75 and Mark Sullivan '78, both of whom live nearby." • **Charlotte Caldwell** has had a new book published. Intended for middle school readers, *Kirby's Journal: Backyard Butterfly Magic* contains over a hundred color photographs and a story of one child's summer becoming acquainted with insects and backyard wildlife. According to the *School Library Journal* "the life cycle of butter-

flies is presented in detail through this attractive and readable fictitious journal. Watching butterflies in the backyard, Kirby learns about gardening, photography, and scientific observation. Kirby is a likeable and personable character whose diary will appeal to kids." (See page 59.) In addition, the American Institute for the Advancement of Science has requested that the book be submitted for their 2016 Prize for Excellence in Science Books—Middle School. More examples of and information about Charlotte's work can be found on her website: www.charlottecaldwell.com. Charlotte is married to **Jeffrey Schutz**. Jeff worked for a number of years in the venture capital industry and now sits on several corporate and not-for-profit boards. Charlotte and Jeff divide their time between their home in Charleston, S.C., and a ranch they own outside Clyde Park, Mont. They enjoy hiking, golfing, traveling, and spending time with their children and grandchildren. And, this past year they got together with **Ann Williams Jackson**, **Jeff Medoff**, **Dan Flanagan**, **Mark Patinkin**, and **Jim Kelly**.

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Emily Baldwin McPhie writes, "I'm enjoying life in Reston, Va., getting tons of exercise (water aerobics instructor) and volunteering, ever since my husband and I retired from the Foreign Service's U.S. Agency for International Development. After assignments in Egypt, Uganda, Somalia, Barbados, Bangladesh, and Armenia, Winston and I now get to travel wherever we want. We're trying to tick off as many U.S. national parks as possible." • **Mary Ann Gustafson King** (maryannk11@cox.net) reports, "Residing in Newport Beach, Calif., I'm busy running a national brokerage firm, Moran and Company, as its president. My interests are collecting contemporary art, thanks to Prof. John Hunisak's teachings, and hiking the coastal canyons, thanks to Vermont hikes on the Long Trail. In July, I enjoyed seeing **Kathy Smith Ward** in Carmel. I need to convince my college roommate, **Caroline Donnan**, to meet me somewhere for a mini-reunion. My marriage in 2009 to Alex Rose has made me a UCLA Bruins fan." • **Susanna Sullivan Perkins** (susperkins@gmail.com) writes, "After graduating, I stayed in the town of Middlebury, married, and had two children. After that marriage fell apart, I moved to upstate New York where I married Mark Perkins. With our blended family we moved to Orlando, Fla., where we added a fifth child to the mix. I've worked as a newspaper production manager, real estate broker, freelance writer, and online entrepreneur. In 2009, my 'good job' of working on an SaaS offering for WordPress melted away. We then lived simply in Las Tablas, Panama, for years. We recently returned to the U.S. to be closer to in-laws in Greenville, S.C., but we hope to return to Orlando." • **Meredith Parsons McComb** (meredith@domeisland.

1 Melissa Marshall '09 and Michael Nevadomski '09 were married on November 15, 2014, in Philadelphia, Pa. Fellow fun-loving graduates attending included (all '09 unless noted) Mario Ariza, Sara Jameson, the newlyweds, Daniel Watson-Jones '06, Hillary Aidun '12, (second row) Daniel Kelley '08, Becky Bierman Kelley '08, Dorothy Mitchell, Ricky Klein '07, Kelly Patton Klein, Jason Gutierrez, Grace Duggan, Evan Smith, Lauren Fondren, and Martin Puga. 2 Eric Fraser '05 married Lauren Koppel (Vanderbilt '06) in Staatsburg, N.Y., on August 16, 2014, with many Midd friends and family in attendance: (all '05 unless noted) Stephen Ratpojanakul '06, Holly Haertel Hill, Janet Fraser (honorary '76), Kristin Fraser '08, the newlyweds, Andrew Jacobi, Scott Palmer, Tom Stults, Justin Lindenmayer, (second row) Gary Fraser '76, Matthew Meyer, Michael Hennessy, Ben Lively '99, Lauren Almquist Lively, Jay Wolfgram, and Ned Courtemanche. Missing from photo: Nick Digani, Jon Peterson, and Katie Hunsberger.

3 Middlebury friends had a mini-reunion at the Boston Symphony Orchestra: Rachel Fowler '14, Dan Ladd '14, Kwaku Acheampong '14, Scott Goldberg '14, Raj Anand '14, Nick Jasset '14, Peter Mattson '14, Becky Wasserman '14, and Hilary Cunningham '12. 4 Friends from the Class of 1998 got together for a mini-reunion in snowy Maine: Jessica Perkins Slusarski, Lauren Brown Fryberger, Martha Shay Trail, and Erin Grace Gordon.

TERRY SWEENEY '73

1 This caricature of me as Nancy Reagan, who I played on *Saturday Night Live*, appeared in the *New Yorker* and is one of my prized possessions. It somehow says it all about her as First Lady and I've often wondered if she thought it really was her in this cartoon.

2 Shag—and no it's not a haircut or a carpet—is a dance! The movie we wrote about four Southern girls who take a wild detour down to Myrtle Beach became a Southern cult classic.

3 This article appeared in *People* magazine in 1986 and heralded the fact that I was the first openly gay performer not only on *Saturday Night Live* but ever on TV. It also was the first time a gay couple was profiled in a positive light and many gay people over the years have told me how much it meant to them.

4 Here I am in front of my house in Massapequa Park, Long Island, N.Y. My parents raised me to be a devout Catholic although neither of them ever went to church. I'd come home after Sunday mass and remind them if they died, they were going straight to Hell.

5 That's me and my hubby on our make-believe honeymoon at the Tip Top Inn in Pawley's Island, S.C., in 1982. It would be 30 years later before we would be able to legally marry.

6 We named our pug Lil Girl, but as you can see, she grew up to be quite hefty. She's a feisty go-getter and a jock!

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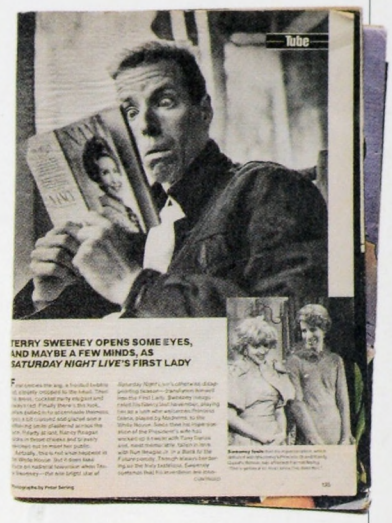

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com) says, "I had a great time at our 40th reunion. My husband's passing in 2014 has me with the Lake George house on the market and with plans to return to my roots in Traverse City, Mich. I am singing and writing and painting and trying to make sense of the world." • **Chris Jacoby** reports, "I retired in July 2014 after 33 years in the Pittsfield (Mass.) Public School system, the last 13 as principal of Theodore Herberg Middle School. Last March I became executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Berkshires. I'm still living in Pittsfield with my wife, Paula." He was planning to travel to Easton, Pa., in the fall to play golf with **Bob Hamilton**, **Fred Erdman**, and **Gerry Eaton**. Since 1980, they've met for golf weekends 26 times. • **Kate Schmitt** (kschmitt@middlebury.edu) says, "I've been working at Middlebury's Davis Family Library for the last 15 years. I recently built a house, while I was clearing out my parents' house after the recent death of my dad." • **Tom Plumb** (tplumb@rgv.rr.com) writes, "I founded and then ran a nonprofit called Hands to Honduras since 1999, as a result of assessing what our Rotary district in Middlebury could do to help the victims of Hurricane Mitch. I retired in 2000 after 27 years from the Addison County Community Action Group to volunteer full time for my organization. After working on different projects addressing housing, medical, water, and electricity needs throughout Honduras, I shifted my work to Trujillo. I'm leaving Texas to move to Honduras full time so I can help build a community water system for the 3,000 residents of Barrio Eduardo Castillo in Trujillo, where they have been getting water every eight days during the dry season. Classmates and friends are welcome to come (at their own expense) to join a volunteer work crew from February 17–25, 2016. Ocean hotel rooms are $44. (Partly because of my obsession with Honduras, I divorced in 2010)." • **Henry Duran** is a retired Army colonel, living with wife Gretchen and three kids, who are involved at the Univ. of Minnesota, Univ. of Iowa, and high school. "Gretchen works with special education children. I spend most of my time reading and practicing the trumpet/sax." • **Patrick LaCava** (patrick3459@att.net) says, "I've been living in the inner city in Hartford, Conn., for 30 years. I'm single, an IT entrepreneur, and a reader of inner-city nonfiction like *City Beats*." • **Linda Saarnijoki** (saarnijokil@taftschool.org) writes, "I'm so sorry not to have gotten to reunion. I'm still teaching at Taft School, working my way toward retirement, all the while loving the teaching and working with kids. Lots of potential in this generation! We spend time in Vermont and in the Adirondacks in the summers. Our daughter is a college junior." • **Kathy Smith Ward** reports, "John and I retired last year and moved from D.C. back to Dallas, where I'm still involved with nonprofit boards. We drive two retrievers to Carmel, Calif., and Lake Tahoe areas each summer to escape the heat. In October we were focused on a Dallas fundraiser to support **Rick Hodes**." • **Anne Marie Thompson Miller** (annethompsonmiller@gmail.com) writes, "Tony and I celebrated our 40th anniversary this year, so we spent some of our children's inheritance and headed to London. We'll be doing more of this as we have begun to take our eight grandchildren on individual trips. The biggest celebration of our year was when two of the grandchildren were legally adopted by our son and daughter-in-law. They had been fostered for several years and we rejoice that they are now in a stable home." • If you would like to contact a classmate, please let a class correspondent know and we can send your request to your classmate. Contact **Nan Rochelle McNicholas** or **Kathy Ward** (see emails below), who are helped regionally by **Henry Duran** (haduran@comcast.net), Rabbi **Bill Kraus** (rabbi.kraus@comcast.net), and **Bob Bourque** (rabourque@mac.com).

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REUNION CLASS Our 40th reunion is June 10–12. It would be grand if you all could return and share your memories, accomplishments, and a supper or two, once again. In the meantime, I will try to contact you all individually by postcard or a phone call, for some good talk or a note for the magazine. • Congratulations to **Ron Luman**, who was inducted into the George Washington University (GWU) Engineering Hall of Fame in October. Ron is the chief of staff of the Applied Physics Laboratory, a division of Johns Hopkins Univ. and was recognized for his technical leadership in undersea and missile guidance systems, ballistic missile defense, and intelligence systems architectures. He earned his doctor of science in systems engineering from GWU's School of Engineering and Applied Science in 1998.

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Please send me your news! And if anyone would like to help out gathering news for class notes, let me know!

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Media notes: Artist **Julia Wachtel** was featured in the October issue of *Vanity Fair*, where novelist A. M. Homes writes that her "pictures are the stuff of serious play—a poetic simulation of everything wonderful and horrible all at once, part pop culture, part formal, abstract construction." The piece includes a swell photo and these words from Julia: "The biggest challenge is to compete, in the best sense of the word, to grab someone's attention." • **Ty Howe** was interviewed by *Best's Review* for the July 2015 issue. (Also including a swell photo.) The topic: the potential significant long-term global risks posed by the use of "synthetic biology" (e.g., genetically modified foods and medicines). Ty, senior VP and life sciences practice leader for the Boston office of Marsh and McLennan, opines that the "actual risks" facing businesses involved with these emerging technologies are "lower than the hype that surrounds the subject." • *Judiciary notes*: Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin announced in September the appointment of **Tom Carlson** to the Vermont trial bench. Tom, who has been with the law firm Langrock, Sperry and Wool since 1984, has also served as co-chair of the Access to Justice Coalition through the Vermont Bar Foundation, the chair of the St. George selectboard and moderator of the St. George town meeting, and chair of the Vermont Youth Orchestra board. Following law school at George Washington Univ., Tom began his legal career as a clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Albert Coffrin '41. He lives in Hinesburg with his wife and two sons. Congratulations! • Kudos also to **Jane Marum Roush** (started with us before transferring to Wellesley), who was appointed to the Virginia Supreme Court by Gov. Terry McAuliffe. Prior to her elevation, Jane served on the Fairfax County Circuit Court for 22 years where, amongst hundreds of other matters, she presided over the D.C. sniper trial. • *Musical notes*: **Cori Josias** has penned a *beautiful* charity single (along with Richard Cotton and Phil Taylor) in support of teenagers throughout the UK. Here is a link to the recording: itunes.apple.com/gb/album/when-we-imagine-single/id1034461650. To watch a great video about the making of the recording, check out our class Facebook page! • *Housing notes*: **Betsey Flanagan Martens**, executive director of Boulder Housing Partners, was recently named the first ever Affordable Housing Institute Fellow for her "pioneering research into how affordable housing can be a critical link for low-income children." Betsey's 18-month fellowship will focus on applying Boulder's Bringing School Home Program to other communities across the country. Congratulations! • And, finally, *personal notes*: **Mark Efinger**'s news is "simply that I am getting back in touch with so many classmates through social media," which he is also using in service of his new business: interview coaching. "Cindy and I live in New Hampshire near the White Mountains and my three boys are all happy, healthy, and doing well." Midd Kids heading northwards should let Mark know—he'd love to catch up. • **Wendy Bellows** and husband Fred, who visited **Joyce Rowe Cassidy** at her home near Portland, Maine, last June, hosted Joyce during *her* visit to their home in Queen Creek, Ariz., later in the summer. • **Carey Field Guth** moved son Jake into his freshman dorm room in Ross in September, thus beginning another four-year Midd run following daughter Sarah's graduation last May. After getting Jake settled, Carey and husband John had "a fabulous dinner (and overnight accommodations) at **Bern Terry** and **Katie Shepherd**'s beautiful home in Lincoln, joined by **Mike Abend** and wife Vicky." Carey

is getting used to rattling around her empty house and is working on a book about her relationship with a 15-year-old girl she has mentored for the past six years. She's also skiing, biking, hiking, playing paddle tennis, and traveling as much as she can. • **Linda Greene Ortwein** writes, "Tom and I moved to Thailand a year ago where I am a college counselor at a large British international school. It's an exciting chapter in our life. If anyone comes through this way, do get in touch." • Remember to check out our Class Facebook page for photos and updates and to send your news!

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Chip Hagy and wife Karen (Brophy) '80 are doing well. "Both our girls are working and we celebrated a wedding for our younger daughter Brenna and husband Mike in August 2014. Our oldest daughter Katy recently started a new job in London, and we plan on visiting her as often as we can. We have been downsizing and are almost finished renovating a house built in 1900 in Sanbornville, N.H. If any Midd people find themselves in Sanbornville, please stop in for a visit. We're the white house next to the Lovell Lake Cemetery. Very quiet neighbors!" • **Mary Lee Johnson**'s family also had an eventful year. Son Jonathan's wedding took place in the summer on a picture-perfect weekend on Lake Chautauqua (N.Y.). He and his wife were married in the same little church where they met in high school 15 years ago when Mary was serving as the pastor there. Son Martin '11 has begun a year as a Fulbright scholar, studying Hegel's philosophy in Germany. Mary and husband Tom had a wonderful time visiting him in Heidelberg, where he was studying last year, and they are looking forward to going back again. • **John Putnam** and his family continue to operate their organic dairy farm in Pomfret, Vt., where they make Thistle Hill Farm Tarentaise cheese from the milk of their Jersey herd. John retired completely from law in 2003 "after extricating myself from the clutching grasp of the Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont bar associations." Two sons were working beside him on the farm in the summer and fall. When John wrote, they had just finished third-cut haying and the equipment was washed, greased, and put away for the winter. "My daughter works in North Haven (Maine) at Nebo Lodge and lives in our house on Vinalhaven (just off gong 23 for those of you who know the area). She rows to work every day in the summer. My oldest son returned to Tahoe, once the snow arrived, where he is a Pisten Bully pilot by night and mountain ski instructor by day. The second oldest son is looking around here after recently fleeing Boston. I did the same; I can't blame him. The youngest is finishing up at Montana Boise with a major in ecology." • **Kerry Wing Thompson** and husband Tom have made quite a change in their lives! They left their jobs, sold their house, let go of most of their worldly goods, and downsized to a motorhome to travel around the country. They are sharing their experiences via their mascot's Facebook page, which all are invited to follow. Check out "Adventures of TikiMan" on Facebook! • We are sad to end with the news that **Pat Fox** passed away on July 4, after losing her battle with breast cancer. Following a successful career in healthcare IT, Pat worked in several capacities as an expert on renewable energy. **Majie Zeller** and **Joanellen Sullivan** spent a wonderful day with Pat and her wife Jan in May, including a beautiful walk on the beach near their home in Provincetown. Pat was a lifelong sailor and loved the ocean. She was upbeat throughout her illness and showed true grace under pressure. Our sympathies go out to Pat's family and friends. • We hope you will keep in touch and please email one of us if your contact information has changed; we are happy to pass it along to the College.

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Reunion 2015 set the bar to a new high. If you couldn't make it, check out our page on Facebook, Middlebury College Class of 1980 Alumni. We'll have more stories in the spring issue. If you have one to share, send it to us! • **Laura Boucher** reports, "I moved back to Cape Cod in 2002 after living in NYC and Boston since college. I'm working as a trusts and estates attorney at a father-and-son firm in Yarmouth Port. I'm an independent contractor so I have the luxury of escaping the cold almost every other month, never visiting the same place twice!" • **Annie Hartmann Philbrick** writes, "If you are interested in joining the Alumni Admissions Program as a volunteer to interview prospective students, please contact Joanne Leggett in the Admissions Office."

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REUNION CLASS **David Deutsch** sent news: "I'm quick to tell people that I'm not nearly an Ironman yet. I began doing Tri Sprints, and now I'm training for Olympic distance, etc. What I AM proud of is that I'm doing reasonably well in my age group (e.g., finished in the top 40 percent of the swim segment among ALL entrants in a race where 88 percent were younger than me—and second in my age group overall; there were so few of us!)." • **Lauren M. Ross** writes, "Since graduating from Case Western Reserve School of Law in Cleveland in 1984 I have been practicing law in Ohio for 31 years—13 years for the Ohio attorney general in Columbus, 12 years in private practice in Springfield, and the past six years as general counsel for Sinclair Community College in Dayton. I'm an empty nester now that both of my kids have graduated from high school. My daughter is working and my son is a freshman at the Ohio State Univ., studying agriscience education. I've been back to Middlebury only once since graduation—in 2005 to show my kids. I still tell people that of all the places I have traveled in the country and the world, Vermont is the most beautiful place I have ever been." • **Nell Stifel** was looking forward to seeing *Creed*, the new Rocky movie (#7!). "I was the charge scenic artist. (My union is United Scenic Artists, Local 829.) I also worked on *Rocky Balboa* (Rocky #6). Both movies were shot here in Philadelphia, where I have lived for 30 years. I recently had a wonderful fall weekend visit from Univ. of Utah (Logan) Shakespeare professor **Phebe Jensen**, who came to Philly to see her niece in *The Taming of the Shrew*; **Kate Deregibus** joined us for Sunday brunch." • **Tyrone Wilson** sent word to his East Coast friends that he would be performing in *Sweat* by Lynn Nottage January 15–February 21 at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., playing the role of Evan. Check out the Arena Stage webpage for more information. He says, "See you in D.C.!" • **Todd Silverhart** has two Midd Kids on campus now—daughter Perri ('16.5) and son Reid, Class of '18. "Never would have imagined that both my kids would end up there but it makes for a really nice situation. This past fall I had the unusual opportunity of serving as a delegate for Old Dominion Univ. at Laurie Patton's inauguration. Representing my graduate school alma mater at the inauguration of a new president for my undergraduate alma mater (where both of my kids are going to school) was indeed an honor." • Congratulations to **Karin Von Berg Noyes**, who was inducted into the Middlebury Athletics Hall of Fame in November. She was recognized for her outstanding running career at Midd. • As of this issue, **Elaine King Nickerson** is stepping down as a class correspondent. Thanks, Elaine, for all your years of gathering news for 1981!

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Beth Gilmore Cameron writes, "I'm moving to Cape Cod full time this year. I'm looking forward to downsizing and starting a new chapter. I've been selling real estate on the Cape for the last six years. Guess it's time I live there year-round! I'd love to show houses to anyone who is interested in simply looking or serious about buying. It would be fun! You can contact me at gilmorecameron@gmail.com." • From **Tom Calcagni** we heard, "We had fun dropping our daughter, Lexi, off at Midd for the start of her freshman year, after she took two years off to train and compete in ski racing." • **Jonathan Kamien** started a new job in September in medical affairs for Indivior, a pharmaceutical company specializing in the chronic relapsing conditions and comorbidities of addiction. He is still living in Malvern, Pa., with wife Leslie Amass and daughter

Skylar Kamien Amass (8). Jonathan reports, "I took Skylar skiing at Mad River Glen last March, where she rode the single chair and enthusiastically skied many of the black diamonds, making me one proud papa." • **Emma "Raleigh" Mayer** sent the following: "I have been invited to join the SoHarmoniums Women's Choir in New York. Good thing I won't be graded." • In September, **Wendy Behringer Nelson** took on a new challenge and accepted a position as an account manager for Gather Digital, a leading provider of mobile app software for gatherings of all shapes, sizes, and types. She works with a variety of clients worldwide to successfully build and launch their apps for conferences, meetings, and events. • **Steve** and Judy Madoff '81 **Boxer** are living in London where Steve works for Wellington Management. Their kids are doing well—son Jeffrey (Brandeis '13) is teaching English in Spain; daughter Allison (Tufts '15) is working in finance in NYC. If any classmates are on their side of the pond, please get in touch. • Recently the board of directors of Capital Group announced that **Tim Armour** was elected as chairman. • Stay connected with classmates, Midd news, and upcoming Midd events (yes, that 35th reunion is right around the corner in 2017!) by joining the Middlebury College Class of 1982 Facebook group!
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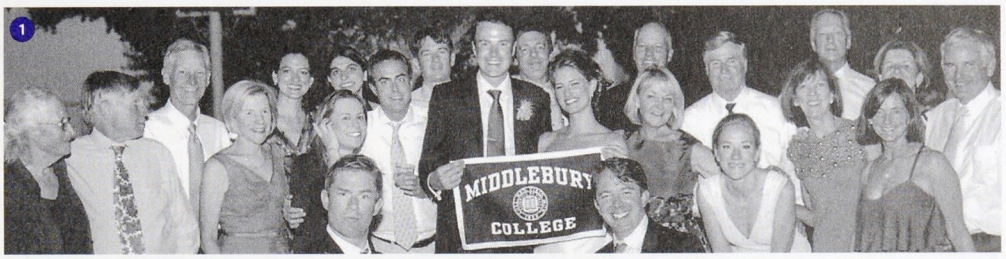
Gerard and Jenny Merrick '84 **Vecchio** write that they recently dropped off daughter Lexy (Muhlenberg '15) in Orlando to start at the Disney College Program as a Photopass Photographer in the Animal Kingdom Park. • **Jennifer Stanley Wieland** visited campus, had a picnic at Otter Creek, and went swimming in East Middlebury with her two children, **Anne Sudkamp**, and Kathy Ten Hoopen '84. Great reunion! • **Carey Macfarland Lennox** writes that **Kim Kiner** put her in touch with **Marcia Isaacson**, who is moving to Chicago from NYC. Note to all from Carey: Please call if you are in Chicago! • A mini-reunion took place in Little Compton, R.I., last summer with **Kathy O'Connor Truscott**, **Amy Opolinsky Scheetz** (coming all the way from Florida), **Terry Epstein** (coming all the way from Colorado), **Siobhan Leahy Ulrich**, **Jeanne Gilroy Metzler**, **Ruth Kennedy**, and **Victoria Gonin**. As the girls were chatting on the beach, along came a tall, dark, and handsome man—**Michael Lyons** and wife Stephanie! • Siobhan and **Peter Ulrich** celebrated their 30th anniversary last summer, as did **Mark** and **Monique Lucas Conroy**. • **John Nelson** is a pastor and teacher at Niantic Community Church in Niantic, Conn. • Congratulations to **Jeff Thomsen**, who was inducted into the Middlebury Athletics Hall of Fame in November. He was honored for his athletics feats on the men's lacrosse team. • Please make sure your contact information is correct with the College. We would



1 In La Quinta, Calif., Christopher Lord '02 married Nicole Homme on October 25, 2014. Many Midd friends and family members helped them celebrate: (in front) Angus Birchall '03, Chris Daniels '03, (second row) Judy Enright Dunning '66, Dwight Dunning '67, Rick Brownell '72, Lindy Frew Brownell '72, Eliza Funston Jones '03, Lee Jones '02, the newlyweds, Kathy Mulligan Lord '72, Katharine Lord '00, Carlie Butcher Garonzik '72, Janet Halstead Franklin '72, Churchill Franklin '71, (third row) Nora Dietsch '03, Liz Siegel '05, Peter Barber '01, Stefan Nowicki '02, Charlie Jackson '74, Randy Mulligan '68, Ed Lord '71, and Mary Kate Sullivan Cox '72. Unable to attend: Groom's grandparents Pat '49 and Kay Cooke Mulligan '49, but with them that day in spirit. 2 A large group of women from the Class of 1967 celebrated 23 years of continuous fall gatherings at Mountain Top Resort in Chittenden, Vt.: Margot Childs Cheel, Freddie Mahlmann, Carol Collin Little, Helen Martin Whyte, (second row) Marion Boultbee, Clare Tweedy McMorris, (third row) Sue Freier Geisenheimer, Linda Morse, Kathy Towle Hession, Susie Davis Patterson, Sue Rugg Parmenter, Karen Unsworth, Margaret Clark Jackson, (fourth row) Sue Schweickert Macy, Gay Shaw Regan, Anne Daignault, Carol Conklin Wheelock, Cathy Clement, (fifth row) Kay Kirkpatrick Hewat, Sue Swinburne Shaw, Lee Powers Smith, Judy Pierpont, Jervis Lockwood Anderson, Barbara Oswalt Wynn, Joanne Hall Johnston, (sixth row) Elaine Dunphy Foster, Barb McEvoy Sepe Bentley, Robin Flint Ballenger, Patty Ramsey, Faith Cohoon Leonard, Lynn Long, Judy VanNostrand Sturgis, and Jana Mara Coffin. Missing from photo: Sue Stafford Mohr, Xenia Kugajevsky Heaton, and Livvy Barbour Tarleton.

3 Stephanie Pritchard '06 married Richard Gilley at Kingsley Pines Camp in Raymond, Maine, on September 27, 2014. Middlebury friends who joined in the celebration included the newlyweds, Kira Ventura Ashby '05, Colin Ventura Ashby '05, (second row) Robert Hillas '06, Camden Burton Hillas '06, Andrew Lindblad '05, Matthew Lindblad '07, Cicely Ott Parseghian '05, (third row) Marika Heller '07, Matthew Griswold '07, Anna Eisenstein '07, and Emily Loesche '05. 4 Several generations of a Midd family attended the Feb Celebration 2015 to watch Tory Sheffield '14.5 ski down: Ellen Sheffield Pace '87 (aunt), Tory, Lee Hall Albern '57 (grandmother), and Ann Albern Olmsted '86 (aunt).

like to send out some "fun facts" about our class; such as where we are all living now, what we do for a living as a class, etc.! We need your data, so we can take a look at our class as a whole. Many thanks!
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Laura Flashman is a professor of psychiatry and director of the neuropsychology program at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, where she recently celebrated her 20th year. She lives in a small nearby town with husband Randy White and daughter Erin (15). Stepson Ryan (20) is studying unmanned aircraft systems at Embry Riddle Aeronautical Univ. in Daytona Beach, Fla. • **Hannah Nichols** writes, "Husband Stephen and I have two daughters, Erika (22) and Thea (19), and we built a house to raise them in on the hilltop where I grew up in South Pomfret, Vt. Erika graduated from Colby in 2013 and is a fourth grade teacher in Spanish Harlem, NYC. Thea is a sophomore at Georgetown, where she's studying biology. Stephen and I finished our first year working at the International School of Islamabad, where he teaches IB history and I am the school counselor. Pakistan is a beautiful country full of kind, hard-working people—we so wish things were different and we had a stream of visitors to show around this amazing place. Everyone's welcome!" • **Helen Gregory Kwak** reports, "Seung '83 and I are still living in Tokyo, where we have lived since 1989. Our oldest, JohnMichael (UC Berkeley '11) graduated from med school and will be working in emergency medicine in Flushing, Queens. Our second, Amy Lynn '12, started at NYU Law School this fall. JohnPaul is a senior at USF in San Francisco, and Lisa is a sophomore at UW in Seattle. I continue to work with CRASHJapan, a disaster relief organization, and I'm working toward a graduate degree in counseling. Seung is continuing his work as a portfolio manager for Capital International, covering Japan and Asia. Our 30th anniversary is coming up soon, and it's hard to know where the years went." • **Dave Fitzgerald** writes, "A small group of 1984s gathered to ski with **Brad Frazee** in Park City, Utah. We were hosted by **Paul Quinlan** with an opening night pizza party at Chez Quinlan. The group included **Steve Moynahan**, **Doug Robotham**, and **Josh Rabinowitz**, as well as Paul and me. Brad continues to inspire us all as he re-learns skiing from a new perspective." • **Andrew Creighton** writes, "A group of us tries to get together every couple of years and do a backcountry hut trip in British Columbia's interior, where I live. This past March the group included **Erich Pessl**, **Ian Martin**, **Alfred Mills**, Dennis Rourke '83, and me. Two years ago the group was **JD Sullivan**, **John Wimberly**, **Alfred Mills**, **Will Porter**, **Ian Martin**, **Erich Pessl**, and me. These trips are a total blast and a testament to the lifelong friends we all made at Middlebury." • **Dale Dewey** says, "I've been living the dream in Santa Barbara, Calif., for the past four years. It's truly a beautiful and special place. My two kids have both graduated from college and are off the payroll. My recent professional efforts have been centered around working with founders on helping to take their businesses to the next level. I'm still in touch with **Peter Ayer** and **Sam Pierpont**. I used to run into a few more Midd folks when I lived in the Connecticut/NYC area but not so much out this way." • **Gordon Woodworth** reports, "I'm in my 11th year as news editor of the *Chronicle*, a wonderful and vibrant weekly newspaper in Glens Falls, N.Y. I cover politics, real estate, development, industry, health care, and the environment, and also write a weekly golf column called 'Gordon Goes Golfing.' I sing in the choir at the South Glens Falls United Methodist Church with my father, Middlebury Class of 1959. I was just named Rotarian of the Year by the Glens Falls Rotary Club, though several members have demanded a recount! I'm immensely proud of my two nieces, Sara and Hilary Woodworth, the daughters of my brother Greg '81 and wife Carolyn. Sara graduated from Middlebury in 2013, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. Hilary, Class of 2014.5, graduated in February, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. (A side note, my father is the first member of his class to have grandchildren graduate from Midd!) And I'm thrilled to have my sister Sue '78 close by again. She and her husband live on Lake George, in the northern basin, and love it!" • **Marc Tabah** says, "If you can believe it, I talked to **David Cimino** for the first time in 30 years. He has a sophomore at Middlebury." • **Elizabeth Eppes Winton** reports, "All is well in Minneapolis. We celebrated our third high school graduation and daughter Adelaide is now at Cornell. Three of our kids are on the East Coast, so we do feel far away. Our youngest is a sophomore in high school, so still a few more years with kids at home. Hoping to connect with many of you as we return to Middlebury in the near future—best to all!" • Renée Hevenor Norman sent sad news about a classmate: "It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of **Alexis Gibson Minder**. Alexis and husband Urs Minder have lived in Monaco for a number of years. They have three sons, Alexander, Andrew, and Anthony. Alexis was a beloved Middlebury classmate with friends in many different class years. She interviewed prospective Middlebury students on behalf of Middlebury. She will be dearly missed. On her blog she wrote an entry on Steve Jobs and cancer that is well worth reading: www.stateofminder.com."
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Greetings fellow Class of 1985ers! Two of our classmates moved into new and interesting jobs recently. **Carol Milaccio Albert** accepted a new position with the Professional Golf Association of America (PGA). She is now the senior director of marketing and communications for the PGA. She worked 15 years for the NBA and from 2009 to 2013 for the Madison Square Garden Co. as senior VP, integrated marketing. Carol's new position is based out of the PGA headquarters in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Congratulations, Carol! • Another classmate, **Lindsey Kalat Dunleavy**, accepted the position of vice president for institutional advancement at Columbus College of Art and Design in Columbus, Ohio. Lindsey formerly worked in the fundraising departments of Ohio State University's nursing and engineering colleges. In her new position, Lindsey will be able to combine her interest and expertise in art history and in fundraising. This sounds like a good fit for you, Lindsey! • Another classmate, **Paul Bucci**, was named a principal of Balanced Growth Advisors in Worcester, Mass. He cofounded the firm. He was previously a managing director and portfolio manager at Cutler Capital Management. • Please keep us posted with events in your lives, fellow classmates. We greatly appreciate hearing from you. Sincerely, your loyal class correspondents, **Denah** and **Roo**. We are also on Facebook under Denah Toupin or Ruth Davis.
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REUNION CLASS **Ashley Bourne Dewey** writes, "Summer of 2015 was our 'Midd Summer!' Early August we were down in D.C. and had dinner and visited with **Chris** and **Bettina Thompson Stern**. **Aaron Woolf** and daughter visited us from over in Elizabethtown, N.Y. (across the lake), and John Bramante '85 visited with his family from Alaska. Wonderful to see them all!" • **Betsy Thompson Serlemitsos** is happy to share that she has been working in West Africa since October 2014 on the Ebola outbreak. With Liberia redeclared Ebola-free in September, and only a few new cases in Guinea/Sierra Leone, Betsy is back in Tanzania, where she lives and works primarily in the public health sector. She also has a trekking and safari company, which afforded her two climbs last year up Kilimanjaro. She states, "It's the best way to really get away from it all—the Internet is pretty limited on that big mountain!" • **Ann McCollum** reports that she is still in law school. • On Saturday, September 12, a handful of '86ers biked in beautiful Addison County in support of the Kelly Brush Century Ride—a fundraising effort started by the Middlebury ski team after Kelly Brush '08 became paralyzed after a ski race crash at the Williams College Winter Carnival. The Kelly Brush Foundation provides money to increase the protection of ski lift stanchions at ski areas as well as providing adaptive athletic equipment to spine-injured athletes. (See more on page 50.) Class of 1986 bikers included **Ann Albern Olmsted**, **Steve** and **Cinny Eberts Bensen**, **Nate**

Burt, and Heather Pierce Post and daughter Lindsay Kingston '14. • Mike Paterniti's *Love and Other Ways of Dying: Essays* has recently made the long list of finalists for the National Book Award in Nonfiction. • Check out a multigenerational photo on page 81. • Start making plans to return to Middlebury for our 30th reunion, June 10–12!

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87 In June, Lauren O'Brien Adams and Ronit Rubinoff celebrated turning 50 in Carmel Beach, Calif. • "On the crazier side of things," writes Westy Caswell Copeland, "my four-way skydiving team, 3-Ring Circus, won second place for A-class in the Northern Plains Skydiving League competitions this past summer." • Ramiro Prudencio writes, "This past August, my family spent a week at a very remote lodge in the Brazilian Amazon a few hours from Manaus. One morning, I was speaking with another couple, who was from the U.S. Turns out it was Lauren Adams and her husband, with their two kids. Imagine the odds of two Midd '87s meeting in the middle of the rain forest. We had a lovely time catching up." • Brian Williams reports, "After eight years as an administrator at Burlington (Vt.) High School, the Integrated Arts Academy, and the Sustainability Academy, I have returned from the dark side to my first love—being an English teacher at BHS. I am feeding my soul and when I can retire from Vermont, I am going to work internationally again. Daughter Maude is enjoying the rides to school, as she is now a frosh. Haven, my son, is a frosh at NYU and Eleanor is now a third grader." • Lili Dyer is also in the classroom, at the Gunnery, an independent boarding and day school in her hometown, Washington, Conn., where her husband has been teaching English for the past 15 years. "My in-laws, Ray and Shirley Benson, live in Middlebury, so we get up there often," says Lili. "Our kids are growing up too fast!" • Ann Villet is also teaching, at a BOCES school in Saratoga, N.Y. "I am a relative newbie with only seven years under my belt, as a career and tech. ed. teacher in graphic design. The kids are always amazing me with their creativity. In the summers, I'm still trying to finish my tween novel (started pre-kids). It might get done when they finish school in 10 more years!" • Gail Harrison Hubbard reports that she and Lisa Tatro Szramiak and Rhys Wyman held a mini-reunion at Rhys's home in Wyndham, N.H., in early July. Gail was vacationing in the Lakes Region with her family and Lisa made the trip up from Marlborough, Mass. "We had a wonderful evening catching up and reminiscing about our junior year in Paris!" says Gail. "Hard to imagine it has been 30 years." • "For the past five years," writes Xavier Pelaez, "I have been working with an organization called INROADS, a nonprofit whose mission is to help underserved college students of color obtain paid summer internships. INROADS has given me the opportunity to work with Midd students of color and place them in some of the top research and financial institutions. It has been a great and rewarding experience. If any Boston area classmates want to know more, please reach out to me at xpelaez@inroads.org." • Bram Kleppner and wife Genevieve Henry hosted a gala 50th birthday for Bram at Union Station in Burlington, Vt., which was interrupted by the arrival of a fire crew responding to an alarm. The party continued outside without a pause while the firemen inspected the scene. Hussein Khalifa, Galen Hoskin, and Tom Funk were in attendance.

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88 This past summer, Jeff Granatino assumed the role of superintendent of the Marshfield (Mass.) Public Schools. The educator extraordinaire writes of his new post: "I'm really excited to be at Marshfield. It's a super district, with a great deal of community spirit and pride. I'm lucky to be part of a terrific team and look forward to building on the success they had over the years." Marshfield is lucky to have "Granny" as their leader, but I bet he doesn't go by Granny at work. Bravo, Jeff! Jeff adds that he and Gordon Smith, who is the superintendent of schools in East Longmeadow, Mass., are the superintendent representatives to the MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) Board of Directors.

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89 It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that we have lost a member of our class. On September 4, Geoff Underwood passed away. He is survived by his wife, Heidi, and children Kaylee and Reece. His mother, Julianna, was kind enough to share her thoughts: "Geoff's dad and I were on vacation in northern England when we received this terrible news of his death. He was always so active and happy. He loved life so much. He certainly loved his work in chemistry at Solvay (25 years), which he focused on at Middlebury. He enjoyed speaking German. His wife, Heidi, and her parents (from Germany) all speak German and now that includes son Reece, who is in a newly added German language class, which began last year in his kindergarten and will go through each year of elementary school. Geoff loved Middlebury so much. We have wonderful memories of visiting Geoff the four years of Parent Weekends." • Like so many of us, I remember Geoff's bright smile and endless enthusiasm. He certainly added warmth to the cold concrete of our Science Center (the old one, of course). He will truly be missed. You can read Geoff's obituary at this link: http://hm-patterson-oglethorpe-hill.tributes.com/dignitymemorial/obituary/Geoff-Underwood-102825439. • When I graduated from Midd, I knew who every single classmate was, at least to match the face and name. Often people don't send anything for inclusion in the class notes because those with whom they remain in contact already know their news—but don't forget about the rest of us! You all have a bigger cheering section than you realize, so keep the emails coming!

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90 Kelly Smith Feldman has been the head coach of girls varsity soccer at the Community School in Sun Valley (where Tizz Strachan Miller teaches) for 14 years. Kelly is also coach of the Olympic Development Program for soccer in Idaho for girls and boys born between 1999–2004. Kelly has lived in Sun Valley since graduation with husband Richard '91. Son Alex is 17, and daughter Katie is in her sophomore year at Middlebury, where she skis on the Nordic team. • In July, Joe Brown was elected to Middlebury's Board of Trustees to a five-year term. He and wife Kristen Peterjohn Brown's eldest daughter, Katherine, is also a sophomore at Middlebury. • Stephanie Cooper is the chief of staff to the commissioner of the Massachusetts State Dept. of Environmental Protection. She lives in Brookline, Mass., with her two-year-old daughter, Louisa. • Elizabeth Toder gave birth to Auguste Brenner Toder, a healthy boy, on August 27. • Doug Meyer was named the president of the Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester, and Tuckahoe.

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91 **REUNION CLASS.** Tom Murray writes, "I am still living in Bucharest, Romania, with wife Alexandra and our boys, Noah (13) and Hugo (9). I run my own manufacturing business and keep busy with a multitude of other projects. If you ever find yourself in Romania, please look us up (Thomas.m.murray@gmail.com). My business takes me to London regularly, where I would see Ian Noetzel, wife Suzi, and their gorgeous daughters, Elly (14) and Sophia (11), until they moved to Vancouver last summer! By chance I had an MTB race scheduled in British Columbia and got to meet up with Ian in his new digs last June." • Morris "Mo" Tooker was named EVP and chief underwriting officer for the Hartford's P&C businesses. • Dawn Blalock was in Geneva, Switzerland, for a four-week mission to work on preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit, which the UN Office of Humanitarian Affairs, where she's employed, is helping organize. In NYC she's been in touch with Paul Testa, who offered very reassuring remote medical support while he was on vacation

A Rite of Their Own

In the early days, Febs weren't sure about arriving on campus halfway through the year—but before long they realized how unique they were.

LATE BUT NOT LEAST
FEBRUARY
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THEIR LOST EXPRESSIONS GAVE THEM AWAY.
"FEBS."
A SMALL GROUP OF FRESHMEN ENTERING MIDDLEBURY MIDTERM – IN FEBRUARY – LOOKING AND FEELING DISORIENTED.
WHICH WAY'S THE DORM AGAIN?
I FORGET.
BETTER ASK A NON-FEB.
IT ALL BEGAN IN 1971 WHEN A SURPLUS OF QUALITY APPLICANTS EXCEEDED THE SCHOOL'S CAPACITY, SPURRING DEAN OF ADMISSIONS FRED NEUBERGER TO DEVISE A CREATIVE SOLUTION.
I'VE GOT IT!! EVERY SPRING A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS GOES ABROAD, LEAVING SPACE TO ADMIT MORE FRESHMEN!
STILL, DESPITE A WELCOMING DINNER AND TORCHLIGHT PARADE BY THE SKI PATROL ...
...IT TOOK A WHILE FOR FEB CLASSES TO REALIZE THEIR UNIQUELY CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES HAD BENEFITS.
IT'S JUST SO HARD BEING A FEB!
YEAH, BUT MAYBE THAT'S A GOOD THING!
BY THE MID-1980s, AFTER ALL, THE FEBS HAD A HERITAGE, A TRADITION.
MORE THAN ANY OTHERS, WE'VE HAD TO ADAPT!
AND TRY HARDER!
AND WE'VE EXCELLED IN ACADEMICS ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULARS!
AND BONDED AND BECOME LEADERS!
SO, CLEARLY ...
...WE'RE SPECIAL!
THEN ONE DAY FOUR FEB WOMEN – BESSIE CROMWELL, NICKY BIDDLE, LESLIE LYONS AND HELENA PAULIN – HAD AN EPIPHANY.
WE'RE NOT REALLY THE CLASS OF '87.
BUT WE'RE NOT THE CLASS OF '86 EITHER.
THAT'S RIGHT! WE'RE THE CLASS OF 1986.5!
YES, WE ARE! AND WE NEED OUR OWN GRADUATION CEREMONY TO MATCH OUR UNIQUE SPIRIT!
FORTUNATELY, DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE FRANK KELLEY AGREED WITH THEM.
LET'S DO IT!
AND THE FIRST MID-YEAR UNOFFICIAL BUT VERY HIGH-SPIRITED SNOW BOWL GRADUATION FEATURED 40 FEB GRADUATES SKIING DOWN THE ALLEN LED BY SKI TEAM CAPTAIN NICKY BIDDLE DOING "S" CURVES TO RECEIVE HIGH FIVES AND FAKE DIPLOMAS AT THE BOTTOM.
SINCE THEN, FEB CLASSES HAVE HAD MANY NON-SKIERS WHO'VE JOINED IN THEIR DOWNHILL CEREMONY IN SNOWSHOES, CANOES AND KAYAKS.
AFTER WAITING 4 YEARS TO SKI DOWN WITH THE CLASS OF 2000.5, JENNIFER CRYSTAL TORE HER ACL A MONTH BEFORE GRADUATION.
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
A FRIEND ARRANGED FOR JENNIFER TO BE PULLED DOWN ON A SLED, THEN BROKE HIS LEG ONE DAY BEFORE GRADUATION.
GREAT TIMING.
UNPHASED, HE ACCOMPANIED JENNIFER ON ONE SKI, PROVING BEYOND A DOUBT THAT FEBS ARE SPECIAL!

COMIC BY MARK ALAN STAMATY

when her daughter ended up in the NYU ER (nothing that 10 stitches couldn't fix). Dawn also had a lovely visit with **Robin Wheeler Azqueta** in Palm Beach, Fla., last spring and **Alden Whittaker** came for a visit from D.C. • The Wharton family returned from a yearlong adventure around the globe, taking a year off from work and school. **Mariette Johnson Wharton** and husband Scott were able to pull this off after their cloud videoconferencing start-up was acquired. Sons Dane (ninth grade) and Reid (sixth grade) enjoyed lots of adventures and endured only a few misadventures. You can check out their blog at www.onebageach.com. The Whartons are happily back in Los Altos, Calif., and Mariette has started a management consulting practice. They loved seeing **Kerstin Carlson Le Floch** and David Muhlbaum '90 in June. • **Kristan Schiller** lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, working as an editor and blogger for Fodor's Travel and freelancing for a number of other publications. The last few years have taken her to Barcelona, London, Cape Town, Kenya, Sydney, Vancouver Island, and New Orleans, where she wrote a post for Fodor's about NOLA, 10 years after Katrina. She's also involved in a number of wildlife/conservation charities, including the Bodhi Tree Foundation, David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, and Veterinarians International. Kristan recently interviewed retired NBA superstar Yao Ming about his efforts to curb the elephant-poaching crisis in Africa and is working on a post for *Slate* about Jon and Tracey Stewart's animal sanctuary in New Jersey. • **Lucy Randolph Liddell** got to spend some West Coast time with **Marika Holmgren** at her home in Half Moon Bay, Calif. They caught up while paddleboarding in the harbor with sea otters and sea lions. Marika also got to travel with **Stephanie Blair Kirkwood** in Paris with Steph's daughter (and Marika's goddaughter) Kailey, who had spent her junior high school year in Rennes, France.

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Peter Walsh writes, "I'm pleased to share that effective September 1, I joined the Minneapolis office of Hogan Lovells, a top-10 global law firm, as a partner in the firm's litigation and arbitration group, specializing in internal and government investigations, class actions, health care, and other complex litigation." • Congratulations to J.J. Gilmartin and wife Liz, who welcomed their little boy Aidan into their lives in April. • We heard from **Bill McDavitt** that he's been on the Ipswich Conservation Commission for five years now and has learned quite a bit about wetlands and permitting projects. Bill's son, Carter, is coached in soccer by Erik Vigsnes '89. Bill and **Terence Ou** keep in touch pretty frequently. Terence took his family to Zion National Park in September. • In February 2015, **Megan Underwood Beatie** launched her own book publicity and marketing agency, MB Communications, after 17 years working for Goldberg McDuffie Communications, a literary public relations firm based in New York. Megan lives with her husband Ben (Colby College '92) and sons Luke (7) and Boden (3) in Los Angeles, from where she runs the book campaigns for authors of both fiction and nonfiction titles (www.meganbeatie.com).

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Mike Nichols is the chief business officer for the LPGA's Symetra Tour, a developmental golf tour for women who aspire to play in the LPGA. Mike has worked hard to grow the tour and attract the top players, and since 2013, the tour's schedule has increased from 15 events to 23 and the total purse size has increased from $1.62 million to over $3.5 million for 2016. The top-10 money earners are promoted to the LPGA tour each year. • Congratulations to **Sladja Kovijanic Carton**, who was inducted into the Middlebury Athletics Hall of Fame in November. She was honored for being the most prolific scorer in the history of women's basketball at Middlebury. • **Heidi Zecher Burke** is one of three co-producers who are Midd grads at *This Is Life* with Lisa Ling. She works with Jackie Hurwitz '07 and Courtney Thompson Hutchens '99, as well as executive producer Amy Bucher '87.

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Michael Buerkel Hunn was recently appointed to serve Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, the Episcopal Church's 27th presiding bishop, as a canon who oversees ministry within the Episcopal Church. He's responsible for supporting the bishop's work as president of the House of Bishops, chief pastor to the church's 108 dioceses and areas of special jurisdiction, and chief theological educator and evangelist. He lives in Raleigh, N.C., with wife Meg, sons Dexter and Murphy, and daughter Dosie. • **Liz Bales**, VMD, has gone from women's studies to veterinary medicine to entrepreneur and CEO. FEED Co. (Feline Environmental Enrichment Design Company) launched a Kickstarter campaign to fund the NoBowl Feeding System. Keep your eye on this innovative design for a revolutionary way to feed your cat.

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We were delighted to receive updates from **Abby Clough**, **Clay Blanchard**, and **Janine Hetherington**. **Abby** runs a landscape design business in the Hamptons (www.farmdesignllc.com), which, in her words, "continues to grow, literally." Abby adds, "We just purchased our first house on Shelter Island, which is the best place to live if you have to live on Long Island!" • **Clay** has been living in the San Francisco Bay Area for almost a decade, most recently shifting to Danville, Calif., with kids Pierce (5) and Cate (3), and their dog Finley. After six years working at Salesforce.com, Clay made a move to LinkedIn this past April and is enjoying it so far. When not working or busy corralling his munchkins, he's been trying ("with mixed results") to pick up the acoustic guitar. We're sure Clay's being modest. If he could tackle Chinese, he can handle a string instrument. • **Janine** sent this glowing recap of our class's milestone year: "Our 20th reunion year was a fantastic experience all around. I loved reconnecting with so many classmates throughout the year. The final event, early in June, was icing on the cake. Ben and I were able to bring all five of our boys up to enjoy the company of old friends and all the festivities. They all came home covered in Midd gear, excited about the possibility of being Midd Kids someday. I'm already excited about our 25th!" They also spent time with their boys on Lake Champlain and in Quebec (dusting off her French skills). After reunion, Janine and family traveled to Colorado and spent time with **Karl Pelletier** and wife Jenn and Marijke Unger, MA French '94 in the glorious Rocky Mountains. Janine is enjoying her first year on the MCAA board and was happy to get back to campus in October for ALC. • **David Diamonon** and family are settling back into life in Houston. Since returning to Texas from Russia, David has reconnected with **Chip Earle**, and Coert '96 and Molly Campbell Voorhees '98 over a couple of meals. David also traded emails with **Winfield Campbell** on behalf of a neighbor whose son is a prospective Panther football player. David is staying active as an alumni interviewer and enjoyed the last two send-off parties, both graciously hosted by Randy '74 and Kathy Cooper Lake '77.

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REUNION CLASS We recently learned that last summer Keryx Biopharmaceuticals appointed **Scott Holmes** as chief financial officer, responsible for Keryx's finance function. When asked about it, Scott replied he had more interesting news: "My wife, Jess, recently gave birth to our son Gavin Mathew. Gavin joins big sisters Skylar and Morgan and big brother Charlie. Also, in the interest of not being promoted alone, I saw **Jethro Ferguson** recently and he was promoted to CEO of North America at Prodigious Worldwide." • Teneo Talent, a division of CEO advisory firm Teneo Holdings, recently announced that **Megan Shattuck** has been named president.

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ClassActs

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Brad Gottfred has been working in Hollywood, writing screenplays and writing and producing two movies. Now he has published his first novel, *Forever for a Year,* a young adult story about two teenagers falling in love for the first time and then realizing it might not last forever. It received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly* and *Horn Book* called it "a touching, relatable, and highly appealing coming-of-age romance." • Congratulations to **Amy DiAdamo Foster**, who was inducted into the Middlebury Athletics Hall of Fame in November. She was recognized for her contributions to the lacrosse team, where she was a three-time All-American and had more goals and assists, and recorded more points than any other player in Midd's history.

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Congratulations to **Heidi George**, who was inducted into the Middlebury Athletics Hall of Fame in November. She was a three-time NCAA champion in the 1,650-meter freestyle, holds the school record in the 1,000-meter freestyle, and is the only swimmer in Panther history to win three consecutive national titles in the same event. • **Karu Kozuma** writes, "I'm still in Philly after moving here in 2010. I work for the Univ. of Pennsylvania as the associate vice provost for student affairs, and I also just completed my doctorate in education this past May. I got together with some Midd folks in the summer (Justin Elicker '97, Rian Alfiero '97, Pete Nilsson '99, and **Sherr Lo**) to celebrate Justin's 40th birthday. I also saw **Chuck Edwards** and **Manda Gonzalez Winn** over the July 4th weekend."

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Anita Chávez-Berry recently moved to Chicago with husband Daniel and daughter Hoshi, after living and working abroad for seven years in Germany, Singapore, China, and Japan. She looks forward to connecting with Middlebury alumni in and around the area. • **Adam Consigli** and wife Kerri had a healthy baby girl in Milford, Mass.: Ellen Virginia Consigli was born July 23. They are all doing great. Adam is working as a physician's assistant in the area. • Chris Nasveschuk '01, **Chris Lindstrom**, **Brad Maxwell**, and **Peter Steinberg** attended a Red Sox game in August and managed to survive the heat. • **Charles Macintosh** had a very busy summer competing in bike races and triathlons. He completed the Leadville 100 mountain bike race in 9:43. Also he took second place in the NYC triathlon for his age group (15th amateur out of over 3,000). And to top it off, he finished third overall in the Vermont Sun Series Olympic Tri at Lake Dunmore in June. Just for good measure, he did three triathlons in two days as part of the Chicago Triathlon, taking second overall. He continues to work in NYC for a private equity firm and spends free time with his dog, Shadow, in Dorset, Vt. • **Jeff Trail** completed an Ironman Triathlon in Canada in August and writes that he is still sore from the experience. • **David Sterrett** has moved back to Vermont from Washington, D.C., and has joined the Northfield Falls law office of Atherton Law. He's a graduate of Boston College Law School and an expert in real estate, health care, and land use and will be a great asset to the community. • **Deana Becker**, **Elizabeth Cassidy**, **Kristine Kraushaar**, and **Lise Falaleev Miranowski** had a Voter-not-so-suite mini-reunion this past summer at Kristine's new house in Vermont. • **J. Robert Zoeller** (formerly **Robert Kerchner**) married Garrett Zoeller in Telluride, Colo., this past July, and they relocated to Portland, Ore. • **Jim Hetherington** and wife Katie, along with big brothers Miles and Evan, are thrilled to announce the arrival of Alice Oliver Hetherington, born on October 18. • **Courtney Thompson Hutchens** is a coproducer with other Midd alums on *This Is Life* with Lisa Ling. She works with Heidi Zecher Burke '93 and Jackie Hurwitz '07, as well as with executive producer Amy Bucher '87.

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Heather Crofts Holet and her family moved to Spartanburg, S.C., so her husband could follow his dream of becoming a chiropractor. Heather is enjoying her time homeschooling, hiking in Asheville, N.C., with the boys and their dogs, teaching yoga, and practicing cranial sacral bodywork. Heather says, "Life continues to be an amazing, blessed adventure." • There have been adventures and blessings for many of our classmates, as well as groundbreaking innovation. **Flavio Bollag** joined the Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding as the first advancement director. They use experiential learning to challenge and inspire local leaders around the world to work toward peace and nonviolent change. • **Angela Smith-Dieng** was recently appointed the inaugural executive director of the Vermont Assoc. of Area Agencies on Aging. • **Miyuki Matsumoto** was featured in a Yahoo article entitled "Goldman Sachs Crushing Tech Banking: The Team Making It Happen" as the managing director of the emerging entrepreneurs team. According to the article, Miyuki "works with entrepreneurs and founders to connect their ideas with capital, talent, and other services—including, eventually, with [Goldman Sach's] wealth management services." • **Ben Stucker** reports, "Since graduation I have spent my career in technology and mortgage finance. After completing my MBA in strategic management at Temple Univ. a few years back, I have been designing, building, and testing innovative business models (while also working full time and raising kids with my wife here in the Philadelphia suburbs). I recently designed an innovative financial marketplace called RatesForUs.com that allows consumers to use the power of group buying in financial transactions. RatesForUs.com won the grand prize at a Temple University nationwide business-plan competition and we received $100,000 in cash and services to start the company/business." For more info, visit http://www.fox.temple.edu/posts/2015/04/online-financial-marketplace-wins-grand-prize-at-2015-be-your-own-boss-bowl. • **Junheng Li** runs JL Warren Capital, a China-focused equity research firm based in New York and Shanghai. They work with global hedge funds to generate investment ideas relating to China. Junheng says, "It has been a really interesting time given what is happening with the Chinese domestic stock market. And I'm in the process of setting up an office in the San Diego area as our West Coast office." Junheng would love to be in touch with classmates. • As would I! Please keep these great updates coming.

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REUNION CLASS **Kristen Lyall Dodge** reports, "I recently started a new faculty position at Drexel University's Autism Institute as assistant professor in the Modifiable Risk Factors Program. **Garrett**'s start-up is doing well and we are enjoying all the adventures of life with a two-year-old!" • **Tom Keon** graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. Look for his menswear collection in 2016. • **Brad Pryba** recently joined the Albany office of law firm Wilson Elser as a partner in its government affairs practice.

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Sean Hoskins recently became the dance technology coordinator and part-time faculty at the Univ. of Michigan, after four years working for Wayne State Univ. in Detroit. He's excited to spend the time with his family and with building the MoveMI Project, which includes his dance company and artistic/activity initiatives.

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Christine Tolis Johnston and husband Olan welcomed Eleanor Grace in August 2015. Christine and Olan lived in Evansville, Ind., for five years, but moved back to New England last fall when Christine began a new position in health education at Springfield College. • **Jill Parsons** married Travis Funk atop Windham Mountain in the Catskills on August 22. **Caroline Roy**, **Margot Simpson Reynolds**, **Devon Bertram**, **Meg**

Neville, and Megan Rawlins Neher joined in the festivities. • Buster Smith has coauthored a book titled *American Secularism: Cultural Contours of Nonreligious Belief Systems (Religion and Social Transformation)*. He's an assistant professor of sociology at Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C.

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04 Jesse and Nina Cotton Weyl moved from Aspen, Colo., to Freeport, Maine, this past summer with kids Gavin and Georgia. Nina is working in the annual giving office at (gasp) Bowdoin College. Although sad to not run into Darcy Conover, Cory Lowe, and Matt Hamilton '95 anymore, being in Maine has allowed for many visits with other Middlebury alums. Damien '95 and Ali Kraus Saccani and daughter Siena have also made the move to the Mid-Coast region, leading to many dinners together. Megan Michelson, husband Dan, and daughter Nora Abrams visited from their home in Tahoe City, Calif., in August. Nina adds, "And catching up with Heidi Howard Allen '99 and her family, who live here, has been awesome. Mike and Courtney Campbell Kennedy, along with their two daughters, Meryl and Katie, celebrated Halloween in Connecticut with our kids and then we all got together again for Martha Goebel's engagement party, where we got to see Amanda Pullins Fend, too! We're looking forward to catching up with Becca Brakeley and meeting her husband, Jesse, in Portland soon." • Congratulations to Sarah Groff True, who is headed to the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio for triathlon—her second trip to the Olympics! • Baby planets, planets in the process of formation, have been in the news lately and one of the lead scientists who has been observing the formation of the planets is Kate Brutlag Follette. She coauthored a study that was published in the November issue of *Nature* about one particular star, LkCa15, located 450 light years from Earth. Kate is a postdoctoral fellow at the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology at Stanford.

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05 In the fall Gale Berninghausen represented Middlebury at the inauguration of Drew University's president, MaryAnn Baenninger. She is a PhD student in art history at Columbia Univ. • In October law firm Neal & Harwell announced that Jay Harbison had joined the firm as an associate, focused on general litigation. He and his wife live in East Nashville, Tenn. • Christina Tolbert, Alicia Hernandez, and Dena Simmons celebrated with Tina Velez Cajigas at her baby shower this past summer. Tina gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Savannah, on October 24. She, her husband, and baby are all doing well. • Christina is now in her third year of psychiatry residency and has been applying for a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry to begin in 2016. • Alicia continues to advise nursing students at Bronx Community College. • Dena serves as the director of implementation at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. She recently gave a TED talk on Broadway, sharing the stage with Sal Khan of the Khan Academy and Julie Lythcott-Haims, academic and best-selling author of *How to Raise an Adult,* among other books. • Erin Amico is living in Chicago with her husband and daughters. She is now working as director of client engagement at a leading design firm and working on completing her second children's book. • Andre Estanislao has been living in Paris for the past three years working as third secretary and vice consul at the Philippine Embassy.

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06 **REUNION CLASS** By the time these notes reach you, we will all be about half a year away from an event some people have called "the biggest thing to hit Vermont since Ben and Jerry's." Yes, folks, the 10-YEAR reunion for the Class of 2006 is almost upon us. Wow. The word from alumni all over the country is that anticipation levels are high. Want to know how we know that? When we asked people for notes they said, "Whoa, bro. I'm saving that for reunion!" However, we were able to squeeze a few updates out of some appallingly accomplished '06ers. • Alison Lacivita has written a book called *The Ecology of Finnegans Wake*. She is assistant professor of modern British literature at the Univ. of Southern Mississippi. Quizzes on her book will be slipped under your room door after check-in. • John Jessup has joined Zenith Energy as a senior executive. • May Boeve was recently profiled on the *Huffington Post* as one of 10 leaders who are reshaping the environmental movement. • Mitch St. Peter has been working hard at start-up FutureAdvisor in San Francisco, looking for his big break. Well, as it did so many times as underclassmen sharing a Mod, that break came in the form of Ian Duffy, an executive at BlackRock in Washington, D.C., whose group has acquired FutureAdvisor. Former roommates and current coworkers—if that's not the dream then I (Jack) don't want to go to sleep. • Elizabeth Renehan Skoglund, Ramsay Hill, Liz Campbell, and Alison Perencevich had a fantastic Middlebury getaway in Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming over the summer. The trip was a great success, although they just barely missed getting mauled by a giant bear, who came out of the bushes two feet away from them during a hike. Rumor is that all were in complete control of their fear during the encounter. • JP Coviello married Jenna Hershey on Shelter Island, N.Y. In another well-attended Middlebury wedding, Jon Sisto and Travis Meyer were co-best men, Celia Cohen officiated, and Bez Johnston, Chip Campbell and Julia Cardozo were also in attendance. Judging from the Instagram pics, both bride and groom looked terrific. • In yet another Middlebury wedding, Alex Casnocha married Leah Skahen '09 in a beautiful ceremony in Chatham, Mass., in June. Tons of Midd Kids were in attendance, from a large range of classes. The '06ers included members of the Ride Mod residence hall—Jack Donaldson, Mitch St. Peter, Ian Duffy, Nate Edmunds, and Andreas Apostolatos—and many more, including Ryan Armstrong, Andrew Pavoni, Dom DiDomenico, Tyler Bak, Gary Roosa, Coleman Hutzler, Alison Perencevich, Elizabeth Skoglund, Jon Sisto, Michele Bergofsky Hornok, Brian '05 and Heather Wright Vickery, Rachel Durfee, Josh and Francesca Filippelli Carson, and David Riester '05. Everyone danced the night away and had a great weekend. • Katie Clagett married Ryan Challinor on June 27 surrounded by Midd friends in Newburyport, Mass., on a perfect summer night. The dance party went on so long that guests were sore the next day. Katie and Ryan bought a condo in North Cambridge, Mass., and moved in in July! • Jamie Wong and Jon Larson were married on September 20, 2014, in Lake Tahoe, Calif. This epic double Midd wedding featured the groom's a cappella group SIM serenading the bride and wrapped up with a shirtless dance party to "Like a Prayer." Good times were had by all guests. Recently, they and Rachel Durfee conquered the 1.25-mile open water swim from Alcatraz to San Francisco—no shark bites! • After 13 years on the East Coast, Elise Beeger has moved back to Portland, Ore., with her fiancé. She is still working as a nurse practitioner and loves it. • And lastly, some future Middlebury students have entered the world! Lily Saper, born in June, is

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SAVE THE DATE

Reunion 2016 will be June 10–12!

hanging with her pop **Dan Saper** and lovely mom Jill in San Francisco, already deciding whether to study econ like her old man. • **Andrew Pavoni** and Martha Ann Underhill '07 celebrated the birth of Miles Lucas Pavoni in August. • **Josh** and **Fran Carson** welcomed daughter Lucia Filippelli Carson on March 26, 2014. This class correspondent (**Jess**) can report that she is a delight! • **CC Ragan Schnapp** and husband Eric welcomed Maximilian Oliver Schnapp on July 12. He enjoys long walks in his carrier and playing with his stuffed giraffe toy, and his parents are over the moon. • See you all in June!

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Megan Guarnier is having an unbelievable year as a pro cyclist, including winning the women's road cycling national championship and placing third at the UCI Road World Championship road race—the first American female medalist in over 20 years! By finishing in the top three she also qualified for the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio as part of the USA Cycling Team! • **Whitney Thomas** rode in the Pan Mass Challenge for Dana Farber this past July and loved every minute of it. • **Barbara Van der Veer** is still living in Spain, teaching English. She comes back Stateside at least twice a year to see family and catch up with Midd friends. • **Danielle Barbeau de Garcia** loves life in D.C. She is traveling all over the world for work, recently spending time in South Africa and Thailand. • **Jackie Hurwitz** is one of three Midd coproducers, including Heidi Zecher Burke '93 and Courtney Thompson Hutchens '99, at *This Is Life* with Lisa Ling. They also work with executive producer Amy Bucher '87.

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It is always great to hear from our classmates, near and far! **Daniel Streitfeld** finished a two-year stint as a political and economic officer at the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan. In November, he returned to D.C. for French language training before heading to his next assignment in Paris, France. Wow! • After a great six years teaching at Greenwich Country Day School, **Lauren Van Wagenen Harlow** has moved to Cleveland to teach and coach at her alma mater, Hathaway Brown. Lauren graduated with her master's in Spanish from Middlebury in Buenos Aires this past summer. • **Emily Temple** was awarded the $10,000 Henfield Prize—given annually to a Univ. of Virginia graduate student in the Creative Writing Program—for her short story "My Past and Future Selves Wait Quietly on the Stairs." • In June NYC mayor Bill de Blasio named **Jessica Singleton** as the city's chief digital officer. She was previously serving as the city's digital director. • In September **Ben Hanna**, **Robby Potish**, **Matt Boucher**, **Dave Campbell**, **Patch Culbertson**, and **Joel Simpson** joined **Blake Nguyen** at his house in Grand Isle, Vt., for a weekend of celebration, grilling, bonfires, and Lake Champlain. **Ben** graduated from Boston College with his JD in May and started at Devine Millimet in Manchester, N.H., in the fall as an associate. • The Class of '08 was certainly busy in the wedding season! **Lauren Sullivan** married Grant Everett on June 27 in Saddle River, N.J. • **Sarah McGowen** married Nathan Audet on May 16 at Tourterelle in New Haven, Vt. • **Nick Monier** married Julie de Neufville on April 18 at Stella Plantation in Braithwaite, La.—keep a lookout for their photo in a future issue of the magazine! • **Nickhil Bhave** married Natasha Nanda on June 20 in Santa Clara, Calif. • **Patrick Cunningham** married Brooke Simons on July 11 in Lexington, Va. • **Alison Spiegel** and **Alex DeLisi** got married in August 2014 in Vermont. Alison is the lifestyle editor at the *Huffington Post* and is enrolled in culinary school at the International Culinary Center. Alex is an attorney at a law firm, and he'll soon be clerking for a district court judge in the Southern District of New York. They live in Brooklyn with their cat, Walt. • **Jeff Murphy** celebrated his 30th birthday in August on Wingaersheek Beach in Gloucester, Mass., with friends **Artie Mittnacht**, **Joe Swensson**, **Alec Tarberry**, **Zeke Davisson**, **Michael Walsh**, **Bryce Loidolt**, and Rusty Heise (non-Midd). Jeff lives in Indianapolis, Ind., and is a regional VP at John Hancock Investments. • **Paul Thibodeau** writes, "I'm practicing law with the Flood Law Firm in Middletown, Conn., and have focused my practice on personal injury trial work representing injured people throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Our office is an advanced trial office and most of our cases are in litigation as opposed to firms that look to settle cases for less than their value prior to filing suit. This has afforded me with the opportunity to try cases before juries at an early stage in my career and to learn under the two managing members of my firm, who have a nationally recognized trial record. I live in Milford, Conn., on the beach. Many of the attorneys that I run into who know of Middlebury typically give praise to the school and recognize that it's an exceptional place to get a college education. I've been extraordinarily busy with office work and, unfortunately, have not traveled much or done much else over the last few years." • Let us know if you have any news to share. Best, **Laura** and **Michelle**.

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Mai Ann Healy moved to Chile soon after graduating from Midd, where she worked for Endeavor, an international nonprofit that catalysts the economic growth of developing countries by selecting and supporting high-impact entrepreneurs. She had a Princeton in Latin America fellowship to work for one-and-a-half years in Patagonia, Chile, as well as Buenos Aires, Argentina. She then worked for two years in global sales for the largest Chilean salmon processor and producer before returning to Endeavor to be the entrepreneur search and selection manager based out of Santiago, Chile. After five years of living in Latin America, Mai Ann moved to California this past summer in order to lead the U.S. commercial development of a Chilean company whose patented waste-water filtration technology is capable of removing up to 99 percent of contaminants without the use of chemicals and at a fraction of the energy requirement of conventional systems. It also enables clients to re-utilize the water onsite. She picked this company because it has a great social, economic, and environmental impact. • **Daniel Kane** recently moved to Burlington, Vt., and completed a bike tour of the UK and Ireland. • **Hannah Madson** and **Kofi Appiah** are living in South Bend, Ind., where Hannah is working for the Univ. of Notre Dame's Environmental Research Center and Kofi's working for Groupon. • **Tom Petty** and **Caley O'Neil** live in Manhattan. After Middlebury, they attended NYU Stern and received MBAs. Tom's an associate in the financial sponsors group of Morgan Stanley's investment banking division and Caley is an associate in the international marketing department at Tory Burch. Tom and Caley got married in the fall. Congrats!

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Hi, everyone! This is **Alice Ford**, back at writing class notes with **Oscar Loyo**. I recently moved to central Maine to work at Juniper Hill School for Place-Based Education. In the mornings, I teach in a yurt, and every afternoon, all year long, we head outside to learn about our world. I probably talk to animals more than I talk to people, and I love it. • **Sarah Buck** is also connecting but to humans while she lives in Sacramento, Calif. She works as a rural development specialist at a nonprofit organization called the Rural Community Assistance Corp., which supports rural communities in the western U.S. through housing, leadership, economic development, water, wastewater, and financing work. Recently, she hosted **Janet Kang** and also met up with **Grace Taylor** at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Point Lobos State Reserve, before Grace moved back to L.A. • **Molly Brister** is thriving in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, as an austringer, using golden eagles to help her track and hunt other animals. She is excited to now own two of her own eagles—Tik and Tok. She looks forward to competing in the Naadam Festival in 2016. • **Miriam Rose Baker** is still living in Big Sky Country and is beginning her third year in the school psychology doc-

toral program at the Univ. of Montana. As part of her clinical work, she's working part time in a school on the Flathead Indian Reservation and working with teachers and parents to help teach them that all kids can learn. She's always open to visitors, in the event that anyone travels to Montana. • **Mia Lieb-Lappen** and **Mike Panzer** were married on May 30 at Shelburne Farms, Vt. • **Ruthie Reinken** and **Stuart Lindberg** were married on a sunny day in Vermont in August. They're now living in Pottstown, Pa., where Stuart is teaching English and Ruthie is an equine veterinarian. • **Hannah Burnett** recently made the move to the good life in Burlington, Vt. She's working as the assistant director of annual giving and academic health sciences at the University of Vermont, and she spends her weekends with her new puppy, Harvey. Harvey is already perfecting his pose for the 2016 Best of the Beasts competition. • If you have any news you would like to share, please contact Oscar or me.

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11 REUNION CLASS The Class of 2011 has had an exciting few months! Some of our lucky classmates are back to enjoying the student life (oh the good old days!). **Anna Zauner** and **Alice Wisener** are enjoying student life downtown at NYU Law and NYU Stern, respectively. Anna is a second-year at NYU Law and Alice is a first-year at Stern. Since law school is a three-year program and business school is a two-year program, they will be graduating together (again!) in 2017. While graduating in Yankee Stadium is not quite the same as tossing graduation caps on the Mead Chapel lawn, they are excited to share two alma maters. • **Uma Tantri** writes, "**Lizzie Faust** and I started business school this past fall at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business in Berkeley, Calif. We took advantage of Northern California's amazing outdoors by heading to Yosemite this fall with 150 of our Haasome classmates!" • **Joyce Ma** is finishing up her 3L year at Brooklyn Law School and is excited to start a career in tax law. She spent the summer with **Johanna Interian**, **Bohree Kim**, and **Michael Castiglione**. She happily attended three Middlebury weddings this past summer (**Afsana Liza** who married Amherst grad Saber Zohir over Memorial Day Weekend, **Kelly Slentz**, and **Leah Welch**) and caught up with lots of Midd Kids, particularly **Daniella Figueroa-Downing** and **Caitlin Kellough**. We'd like to extend our congratulations to our classmates who recently celebrated their marriages. • Some of our classmates have recently relocated for exciting new jobs. **Sabrina Bektesevic** moved to San Francisco this year to work in digital advertising sales at Google as an account manager. Prior to her move she was at Google New York in people operations and was a high school teacher in Miami with Teach for America. • **Harrison Brown** is moving to Chicago, Ill., for a new position as care continuum director for Medtronic. He'll be frequently traveling throughout the central U.S and hopes to visit as many Midd grads as possible along the way. While change is exciting, he is lamenting missing out on Van Ness life with James Pates '12, Nora Sutton '10, and Scott Klenet '12 in D.C. • **Ashley Cheung** graduated from Harvard Law School and moved to Chicago, Ill., to work as a law clerk for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. She was pleased to recently meet another Midd Kid, Roshni Shikari '07, who's clerking in the same courthouse. • **Taylor Wilkins** started his own company last January, called the Tailored Quill, in which he uses writing and public speaking as a means to help people find their voices and develop personal narratives. Taylor moved back to his native Vermont in August after a year in Colorado, where he worked in pediatric mental health while building the business. He's excited to be closer to family, reconnect with friends on the East Coast, and expand awareness about creative expression and personal storytelling. • **Katie Romanov** and **Michael Suen** are working on an edtech project that merges education and technology to give voices to nonverbal children and adults with disabilities. • Don't forget our fifth reunion is June 10–12! Meanwhile please continue to submit updates to midd2011@gmail.com. We always love hearing from you! **Ashley** and **Carly**

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12 Greetings, Class of 2012 and 2012.5! Read on to hear what some of us are up to, and please continue to send in your updates. • **Julie Seo** writes, "I moved down to Austin, Texas, in July and I'm working at Oracle in their new applications hub as a sales representative. Please feel free to reach out if you are ever in the Austin area!" • **Jieming Sun** reports that he and Nate Brown '13 are doing a motorcycle trip from Shanghai to Europe, and then he will continue solo down to Africa. They have a website at www.rideon.life if anyone is interested in reading about their travels! • **Ian Trombulak** started a graduate program at the Univ. of Vermont this past fall pursuing his master's degree in school and mental health counseling. • **Taylor Sundali** finished up two years of Venture for America. Then he and two others started Compass, a company that helps small businesses or individuals build their own websites. Check out their work at www.hellocompass.com. • Also on the entrepreneurial theme, **Sydney Alfonso** is the founder and CEO of Etkie, a jewelry and social media enterprise, based in Sydney's home state of New Mexico, that works with Native American artisans to craft high-end jewelry. Sydney has recently received 35K in funding from Los Alamos Laboratory and exhibited her jewelry at Premiere Classe accessories during Paris Fashion Week. Her bracelets are carried in over 40 high-end boutiques globally. She was recently featured in an extensive *Elle* article describing the success of her business, particularly in employing female beaders across New Mexico. • Moving on to weddings, our classmates have happy news to report. **Claire Bovet** married **Tucker Johnson** on June 27, 2015, at Starlight Farm in Longmont, Colo. The farm belongs to Claire's dad and mom (Suzanne Webel '71). They were thrilled to have so many of their Middlebury friends join them for the celebration! • And we're a bit late reporting this, but **Kaity Conroy** married Jared White (non-Midd) on August 10, 2013, in Danville, Vt. Many friends and classmates from the Class of 2012 joined them for the celebration. • That's all for now! Please keep in touch and we look forward to hearing from you soon. Even if you have never written in with an update, now is always a good time to start!

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13 **Quinn Bernegger** has been hired as a resident artist at Tri-Cities Opera in Binghamton, N.Y., extending through to May during which tenure he will be in four opera productions, in addition to recitals, special events, and school performances. Two recent big hits were *Opera and Beer* and *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*. • In September **Juliet Ryan-Davis** began working as a geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey at the California Volcano Observatory (CalVO) in Menlo Park, Calif. CalVO is part of the Volcanic Hazards Program, which monitors and assesses active and potentially active volcanoes to fulfill a Congressional mandate that the USGS issue "timely warnings" of potential volcanic hazards. Juliet gets to conduct geologic research on how volcanoes work in order to protect people and reports, "It's truly a dream job." • **Mackenzie Stewart** moved from Boston to Pittsburgh last January to take prerequisites for and prepare to start an accelerated nursing program at the Univ. of Pittsburgh. • **Dan Egol**, **Lauren Kelly**, and **Barbara Ofosu-Somuah** got together this past fall in order to bring attention to issues surrounding new housing on campus. They drafted a letter that aimed to communicate interest and concern regarding accessibility in the four new residential buildings under construction at Ridgeline. The letter was a Google document that was signed in support by members of the college community—alumni, parents, current students, etc. It was given to the college leadership on October 30. • **Christian Schoning** recently moved from Madison, Wis., to Copenhagen, Denmark, to continue his job as project manager for electronic medical record company Epic as they implement their software in over 18 hospitals there. He was happy to have **Tony Huynh** visit in September. If any other Midd Kids find themselves in the area, please reach out! • **Kate Anderson** and **Rafael Kennedy** are excited to share that they got married! "We met the first day of freshman orientation as fellow inhabitants of Hadley

6 and our first date was on Halloween. After two years of living and working in Hawaii post-Midd, we had a wedding on the island of Oahu on June 18, 2015. **Uriel Hernandez**, **David Martin**, **Terra Weiland**, **Ben Stegmann**, **Clark Hatheway**, and Coco Liu '11 all helped us celebrate!"

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14 **Rachel Sider** writes, "I'm currently living in Erbil, Iraq, where I'm Oxfam's Iraq policy advisor, leading their campaign in the humanitarian response and focusing on conflict, displacement, and human rights issues. I've been busy traveling across the Middle East for work and in my downtime have been trying to keep up an herb garden, despite the extreme temperatures here, and making homemade granola to feed my inner Vermonter. I've yet to come across a fellow Midd grad in Iraq, but am not losing hope yet." • **Jake Nonweiler** writes, "I recently quit my (first) corporate job and am now working for a rural start-up incubator in southern New Hampshire. I volunteered with them for eight months before the executive director poached me from my nonthrilling corporate gig. I'm running the incubator program and developing a series of entrepreneurial programs/workshops/etc. to bolster the organization's offerings. I'm running metrics, making new connections with regional leaders, and flexing my grant-writing skills for the upcoming 2016 grant-writing season." • **Goran Simic** writes, "After my graduation, I had a few weeks off before starting my new job at State Street Corp. in Boston. I spent most of that time with my family—it was their first time in the U.S. Then I dogsat in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, for my friend **Elizabeth Briggs**. (Her parents, Wyman and Laura, were also Midd Kids, Class of '86!) I'm part of State Street's two-year rotational professional development program (PDP). My first PDP rotation was in the global relationship management (GRM) group, managing State Street's largest institutional clients across all business divisions and geographic locations. After a year and two months in GRM, I started my second PDP rotation in strategy and business development for State Street Global Exchange, our 'start-up' business focusing on big data and technology."

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15 Before moving to Chicago, **Will Cuneo** and his band, the Movies, recorded and released *Wanna*, a record consisting of eight of their songs. You can find out more about it at themoviesband.bandcamp.com. • **Cooper Couch** has agreed to be the class correspondent for the Class of 2015. You can send him your news at couch.cooper@gmail.com.

38 **Robert J.M. Matteson**, 98, of Bennington, Vt., on April 12, 2015. A Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he earned an MPA and a PhD in political economy from Harvard. During WWII he served as an officer in the Navy in Guam. He had a long career as a public affairs consultant with Matteson Associates and he owned an antiques business. He served on many state and local boards, including as town manager for Bennington and planning director for Vermont. Active in many organizations, he served as president of the Vermont Antiques Dealers Assoc. A longtime runner, he was a high-ranking Masters competitor who held several world records in the over-90 division. In 2009 the Vermont House of Representatives recognized his civic and athletic achievements in a resolution honoring him. He is survived by wife Mary (Makiko), daughters Brenda, Mollie, Ruth, and Carol, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Marian Hewes McKenney, 98, of Little Falls, N.Y., on April 7, 2015. After graduation she taught French at Mooers (N.Y.) High School. Moving to Little Falls, she taught French and Latin in area schools before becoming the executive director of the Herkimer County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Predeceased by husband Melvin '39 and granddaughter Davina, she is survived by daughters Barbara and Marjorie, sons David and Carlton, nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

39 **Edith Egbert Bennett**, 97, of Ithaca, N.Y., on April 8, 2015. She had a year of secretarial school after college and used her business skills during WWII. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Garden Club, PEO, and Pi Beta Phi sorority. Predeceased by husband Thomas '41, she is survived by daughters Carole and Barbara, son Robert, six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

40 **Elizabeth Miller Palen**, 96, of North Branford, Conn., on March 22, 2015. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she earned an MS in microbiology at NYU. She worked at Indiana Univ. and Rockefeller Institute. While living in Darien, Conn., she was an active volunteer, serving as president of the Public Health Nursing Assoc., among other duties. Predeceased by husband Cornelius, she is survived by daughter Linda, one grandson, and two great-grandchildren.

43 **Carol Lewthwaite Lockard**, 94, of Hartford, Conn., on March 5, 2015. With a degree in chemistry, she worked as an engineering aide at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. While raising her children she was an active volunteer then returned to work for 20 years in the American Red Cross Blood Bank. Predeceased by husband Frank, she is survived by sons Paul and Alan, daughters Judith and Katherine '72, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Lois Lewthwaite Walter '33.

44 **Edgar J. Huizer**, 91, of Juneau, Alaska, on April 27, 2015. He spent two years at Middlebury before enlisting in the Navy and training to fly Grumman Avenger torpedo bombers on submarine search missions. Graduating from the Univ. of Alaska at Fairbanks, he worked for the Alaska Territorial Dept. of Fisheries as a junior biologist then had a long career with the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, retiring in 1978 as the deputy commissioner. Predeceased by wife Marge (Wentworth), he is survived by a nephew and two nieces.

45 **Lois Faulkner Dawson**, 90, of Asheville, N.C., on March 23, 2015. A Phi Mu at Middlebury, she worked as a reporter and freelance writer after graduation and did a stint in public relations. Living in Tennessee, she worked as a teacher and coeditor of the *Oak Ridge Journal.* She is survived by husband Bob, daughters Deborah and Melissa, son David, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Joseph H. Mann Jr., 92, of Albany, N.Y., on April 7, 2015. During WWII he served in the Army in the China-Burma-India Theater. At Middlebury he was a member of Chi Psi and the cheerleading squad. After graduation he worked in men's clothing before going into real estate and opening his own firm. He served on the Albany Board of Realtors in many capacities and was active with the board of trustees of the Albany Academy. He is survived by wife Helen (Muhlfelder), daughter Patricia '73, son Joseph, and daughter-in-law Sally.

Theodore R. Parkins, 91, of Brookline, Mass., on April 12, 2015. A Theta Chi at Middlebury, he left in 1942 to enlist in the Army's 10th Mountain Division in the ski troops. He earned his bachelor's at Boston Univ. and went to work at the MIT Digital Computer Lab as an industrial photographer. In 1959 MIT spun off the MITRE Corp. and he worked for the company in system acquisition and intelligence systems engineering until retiring in 1987. Predeceased by wife Mary (Bergsman), he is survived by son Theodore, daughter Jennifer, and one grandchild.

Alice Southworth Twible, 91, of Sarasota, Fla., on March 15, 2015. She was an active volunteer in community organizations over the years, including PTA, Scouts, political campaigns, church choir, and Sarasota Memorial Hospital. She is survived by husband Harlan, daughters Pamela '68, Susan, and Barbara, son David, and one grandson.

46 **Diana I. Terry**, 90, of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., on April 14, 2015. She worked as a secretary for 10 years at MIT while living in Boston. Moving to NYC, she worked for the UN Development Programme for 13 years then as a secretary in various law offices, retiring from Hardy Peal Rawlings Werner. She was predeceased by brother Ernest.

48 **Cynthia Strout Fischer**, 88, of West Chester, Pa., on March 14, 2015. With an MA from NYU in international law and government, she worked at the United Nations in several capacities, including as executive secretary to UN legal counsel and to the president of the UN General Assembly. She also served as administrative assistant to the provost at Boston Univ. and to the director of the Center for International Affairs at Harvard Univ. In 1986 she founded Friends of Native Americans and in 1990 founded the Center for Environmental Education. Predeceased by husband Charles and a stepson, she is survived by brother Kendall and family, and two stepchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Doris Kendall Strout, Class of 1918, aunt Ruth Kendall Churchill, Class of 1915, and uncle Samuel Kendall '24.

Edith Williams Johnson, 88, of Byfield, Mass., on March 31, 2015. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she was involved with education throughout her career. With an MS from UNH, she taught biology at various schools, including Brookwood School and Governor Dummer Academy. She is survived by husband Richard '49, children David, Andrea, Scott '77, and Louise '79, nine grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Daggett Siebert, 88, of West Kingston, R.I., on April 23, 2015. After graduation she worked at the Institute of International Education in NYC. Moving to Rhode Island, she worked for many years for the East Greenwich School Dept. in the elementary school library and the high school library. Predeceased by husband William, she is survived by sons Chris and Don, daughters Virginia and Laurie, and five grandchildren.

Irmgard Nierhaus Stebbins, 88, of West Grove, Pa., on March 11, 2015. Born in Mülheim-an-der-Ruhr, Germany, she came to the U.S. at age two. After graduating from Middlebury, she worked at the telephone company. Moving to Bryn Mawr, Pa., she worked for many years as a secretary at the Agnes Irwin School. Predeceased by husband David '44, she is survived by daughter Katherine, sons John and Andrew '82, and five grandchildren.

49 **Richard E. Barnett**, 91, of Burlington, N.C., on April 23, 2015. During WWII he served in Europe in the U.S. Infantry, earning a Purple Heart. With a degree from Wharton School of Business, he worked as a petroleum geologist and specialist and as an investor on Wall Street, before joining Goodyear Tire and Rubber as an assistant secretary. Predeceased by son Arthur, he is survived by wife Louise (Fruen), children Anne, Leslie, Jeffrey, and Richard, five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Genevieve Karmazyn Capozzoli, 87, of New York City, N.Y., on April 1, 2015. With a degree in paralegal studies from Roger Williams College, she worked for various government agencies in Washington, D.C., including the CIA, as well as for a law firm in NYC as a paralegal. In retirement she worked for many years at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She is survived by children Susan and Paul, and two grandchildren.

Richard C. Hoffmann, 88, of Spartanburg, S.C., on March 22, 2015. During WWII he served in the Navy and was part of Middlebury's V-5 program. After the war he returned to Middlebury where he was a member of Chi Psi and ran track. In 1950 he earned a BS in textile engineering from Clemson College. He had a long career in textiles in both managerial and customer service capacities, retiring from Hoechst Fibers. Predeceased by son Scott, he is survived by wife Dorothy (Wright), sons Stephen, Bryan, and Bruce, and five grandchildren.

Virginia Main Jennings, 87, of Groton, Vt., on March 8, 2015. She worked for many years as a social worker in Connecticut. Moving to Groton, she worked at the Groton library and served as a trustee. She participated in the Northeast Kingdom Coalition for Justice and Peace. Predeceased by husband Robert, she is survived by daughters Bethia and Emily, sons Dana and Carson, 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and stepdaughter Beverly.

50 **Frederick F. Kania**, 89, of Vernon, Conn., on April 15, 2015. During WWII he enlisted in the Navy, achieving the rank of Pharmacy Mate 2nd Class and honorably discharged in 1946. He had a long career with the Connecticut State Labor Dept. in various management positions. Predeceased by son Jeffrey, he is survived by wife Marjorie (Swain), daughter Luann, sons Fred and Jim, and five grandchildren.

Barbara J. Parker, 86, of Fair Lawn, N.J., on March 22, 2015. She had a long, illustrious career as a journalist and editor. She was also an English teacher for many high school students. A music lover, she sang with many groups including the New Jersey Choral Society. She is survived by daughters Laurie, Carol '81, and Gail, MA English '99, and their families.

Barry Q. Walker, 86, of Oberlin, Ohio, on March 8, 2015. He earned a master's in zoology from the Univ. of Arkansas before attending Case Western Medical College and obtaining his MD. He practiced for more than 20 years as an interventional radiologist at St. Mary's/Bon Secours Hospital in Richmond, Va., retiring in 1999. As a skilled artist, he created feather paintings and became globally recognized as an expert in butterfly photography. Predeceased by second wife Marilyn (Moran), he is survived by companion Marilyn Carson, son David, daughter Katherine, and three grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include brother Stuart Walker '43 and niece Susan Rotblat-Walker '68.

51 **Paul R. Andrews**, 85, of Cushing, Maine, on March 1, 2015. A Theta Chi at Middlebury, he taught English and social studies at Bristol (Vt.) High School, before joining the Vermont Development Commission (VDC). In 1960 he was appointed the first director of planning at VDC. He worked as the executive assistant of the chancellor of Vermont State Colleges before retiring to write full time. He is survived by wife Mary (Perrin), children Jody, Evan, Kevin, and Loren, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother Edward '46.

Renton Bond, 84, of Youngstown, N.Y., on March 14, 2015. At Middlebury he was in Sigma Epsilon and played hockey. He had a long career in marketing and advertising, retiring from Devilbiss Health Care in 2002. Predeceased by brothers Benjamin '49 and Charles '50, he is survived by wife Roberta (Rey) '52, daughters Marsha, Robin, and Julie, sons Douglass '77, Jeffrey, and Peter '84, and 26 grandchildren.

Hubert W. Williams, 86, of Blue Bell, Pa., on March 27, 2015. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he attended UPenn's Wharton School of Business and worked in Philadelphia for many decades as a stock investment broker and later as a VP of trust services at Wachovia Bank. Predeceased by wife Betty, he is survived by son Hubert, daughter Carol, and two grandchildren.

53 **Bruce R. MacKay**, 83, of Vero Beach, Fla., on April 24, 2015. A Kappa Delta Rho at Middlebury, he served as a captain and medical officer at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas. With a medical degree from UVM, he joined the Guthrie Clinic in Sayre, Pa., where he served for 27 years, including as chief of medicine for 20 years. He also served as VP of the board of directors, as a director of the Donald Guthrie Foundation, and as a board member of the Guthrie Medical Center. Preceded in death by son Douglas, he is survived by wife Phyllis (Davis), sons Gregory '81 and James '85, and six grandchildren, including Allison '13 and Ian '14 MacKay.

Marianne Dennis Philbrick, 83, of Centerville, Mass., on March 3, 2015. While living in Pittsburgh, she taught kindergarten and first grade and was in-

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Elizabeth Cook Hedrick '40 . . . . . August 4, 2015
Robert L. Ryan '42 . . . . . November 8, 2015
Robert M. Byington '43. . . . . September 15, 2015
Virginia Carpenter Halstead '43 . . . . . October 10, 2015
Mary Dutton Dolphin '44 . . . . . November 1, 2015
E. Ann Curry Munier '46 . . . . . September 2, 2015
Marion Durkee Stillman '47 . . . . . October 10, 2015
Sylvia Smead Gallagher '48 . . . . . November 5, 2015
Bess Waldo Jones '48. . . . . September 4, 2015
Marie Haviland Leavens '48 . . . . . October 17, 2015
Ernest L. Hunter '49 . . . . . August 29, 2015
Katharine Cooke Mulligan '49 . . . . . August 22, 2015
Paul E. Okarski '51 . . . . . August 30, 2015
Dorothy Deyerberg Ajemian '52 . . . . November 2, 2015
Alexander Bing III '53. . . . . September 12, 2015
Jean-Marie McKenna Cook '54 . . . . . October 18, 2015
L. Allan Wright '54 . . . . . September 13, 2015
Doris A. Bartlett '55. . . . . September 5, 2015
Robert B. Blacker Jr. '58 . . . . . November 4, 2015
Peter T. Coe '58. . . . . August 27, 2015
Samuel S. Sylvester '58 . . . . . August 9, 2015
John E. Halpin '59 . . . . . November 2, 2015
Roberta Thompson Schroder '61 . . . . . October 5, 2015
Leon Mark Cangiano Jr. '63 . . . . . September 27, 2015
William G. Ewald II '65 . . . . . May 22, 2015
Elizabeth J. Leppman '66 . . . . . September 21, 2015
Dale B. Smith '67 . . . . . September 29, 2015
Keith A. McCausland '68. . . . . September 2, 2015
Susan Blume White '68. . . . . September 4, 2015
Philip J. Kehl '72. . . . . August 12, 2015
Edward L. Chase '73 . . . . . August 17, 2015
Jonathan B. Hunt '73 . . . . . August 23, 2015
Melanie C. Menagh '81. . . . . October 8, 2015
Stacy D. Lent '82 . . . . . November 5, 2015
Geoffrey S. Underwood '89 . . . . . September 4, 2015
Martha C. Hayden '90 . . . . . October 13, 2015

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Gerald D. Flowers, MAEd '73 . . . . . August 24, 2015
Catharine Gillums Zeller, MA English '52. . . . . July 4, 2015
John C. Greivey Jr., MA English '64 . . . October 27, 2015
James F. Dickinson, MA French '40. . . . . June 17, 2015
M. Andre Malecot, MA French '47 . . September 10, 2015
Edward C. Wuinee, MA French '52 . . . . . July 6, 2015
Elizabeth Senft, MA French '54 . . . . . August 2, 2015
James D. Daley, MA French '72 . . . . . October 25, 2015
Lucille Verga, MA Italian '93 . . . . . October 4, 2015
Fernand L. Marty, MA Spanish '50 . . . . . July 17, 2015
Violet R. Balwit, MA Spanish '57. . . . September 14, 2015
Ann M. Geisel, MA Spanish '58 . . . . . August 15, 2015
Eve Chrampanis Donigian, MA Spanish '69 . . . . . August 10, 2015
James R. Luntzel Jr., MBA '72. . . . . August 9, 2015

volved in local politics, eventually serving as Judge of Elections. She was also a member of the League of Women Voters. She is survived by husband Thomas, sons Nathaniel and Samuel, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

54 **Andrew M. Barnes**, 82, of Chevy Chase, Md., on February 27, 2015. A member of Kappa Delta Rho, he served in the Marine Corp. after graduation. With a law degree from George Washington Univ., he became the associate general counsel of the National Assoc. of Securities Dealers before going into private practice in 1985. He is survived by wife Lynne (Moffat), children Andrea and Jeffrey, and three grandchildren.

Arne E. Heggen, 85, of Ballston Lake, N.Y., on March 19, 2015. In 1946 he joined the Navy and served four years as a radio man aboard the USS *President Jackson*. A Kappa Delta Rho at Middlebury, he earned his JD from Albany Law School in 1960. He had a private practice in Saratoga County and also served as the Malta town attorney for over 30 years and assistant county attorney for several years. In 1985 he was appointed Saratoga County Attorney, serving until 1990 before returning to private practice. Predeceased by son Arne '86, he is survived by wife Marilyn (Meehan), daughters Karen '85 and Katherine, son Mark, daughter-in-law Julie Arel, and six grandchildren.

Jim D. Savvas, 85, of Aurora, Colo., on March 24, 2015. Born in Serres, Greece, he came to the U.S. to attend Middlebury, where he was in Alpha Sigma Psi. Earning graduate degrees from Carnegie Technical Institute in industrial administration and from the Univ. of Pittsburgh, he taught management and marketing for many years at Regis University in Denver after working for Dow Chemical Co. He is survived by daughters Carol, Jamie, Anna, Billie, and Susan, 10 grandchildren, and longtime companion Marcia Hodges.

55 **Nancy Petersen Babcock**, 81, formerly of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on March 29, 2015. After two years at Middlebury, she completed her studies at Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School. After moving to Maine, she worked several years as an assistant account representative at Union Mutual Life Ins. Co. Predeceased by son David, she is survived by daughter Jennifer, son Bruce, and two granddaughters.

James G. Bowden III, 81, of Vero Beach, Fla., on April 19, 2015. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he attended Babson Graduate School and served in the Navy as a lieutenant. He began his business career at Dewey and Almy, a division of W.R. Grace and Co., in research and development. He owned and operated his own business, Miller and Seddon Co. for a decade before joining Rule Industries. Retiring to Florida, he finished his working career in real estate. Survivors include wife Mary (Brown), daughter Kimberly, son James, seven grandchildren, including Will Peckham '14, and four great-grandchildren.

Harold P. Higgins, 82, of Oldsmar, Fla., on March 11, 2015. A Chi Psi at Middlebury where he played baseball and football, he served three years in the Navy aboard the *Forrest Royal*. He worked for many years for the electric boat division of General Dynamics Corp., retiring as a senior contract change analyst. He is survived by brother Norman '61 and several nieces and nephews. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Harold '27, mother Ethel (Palmer) '28, sister June Higgins Fischer '56, aunt Viola Palmer Houghton '26, and uncle Paul Higgins '28.

Barbara Johnson Masters, 81, of Old Saybrook, Conn., on April 10, 2015. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she first had a career in social work. Earning a law degree from the Univ. of Connecticut School of Law, she established her own law firm in Norwich, Conn., with an emphasis in family and matrimonial law. In 1985 she obtained her pilot's license. Predeceased by ex-husband Martin, she is survived by son Eliot, daughter Joan, and two grandsons.

56 **Donald B. Batchelder**, 85, of Brattleboro, Vt., on April 27, 2015. Before attending Middlebury, he enlisted in the Navy and worked as a medic in the hospital corps in Panama. In 1959 he went to work for the Experiment in International Living and served in many posts throughout the world in international development and training for 30 years. In 1989 he became the director for Save the Children in Mozambique, retiring in 1992. He is survived by wife Helju (Kivimae) '55, son Thomas, daughter Annie, and six grandchildren.

57 **Norman W. Ingham**, 80, of Wilbraham, Mass., on April 27, 2015. With a Fulbright, he studied in Berlin then earned a master's in Russian from the Univ. of Michigan. With a PhD in Slavic languages and literature from Harvard and having studied in Leningrad and Prague, he taught at Indiana Univ., Harvard, and finally at the Univ. of Chicago where he stayed from 1971–2006 teaching Russian literature and civilization. In retirement he studied genealogy and contributed to the *American Genealogist*. He is survived by several nieces and nephews. Deceased Middlebury relatives include aunt Anna Rust Bayley, Class of 1909.

58 **Robert L. Corliss**, 78, of Dunnellon, Fla., on May 1, 2015. At Middlebury he was in Delta Upsilon. After graduation he joined Mutual Life Insurance of New York, working in various capacities until retiring as VP of systems and programming in 1989. He is survived by wife Arlene (Dell'Aquila), son Jeffrey, and three grandchildren.

59 **Anne Weston McGowan**, 77, of Normal, Ill., on March 7, 2015. She received her BA from Illinois Wesleyan Univ. Her career was mostly in education, teaching modern dance, high school Latin and English, and environmental education. She was a volunteer at the first recycle drive of Operation Recycle in 1971 and she was the original director of the Ecology Action Center. Predeceased by husband James '59, she is survived by sons Andrew and Michael, daughter Caitlin, and three grandsons.

61 **I. Charles Feldman**, 76, of Shavertown, Pa., on April 18, 2015. A Delta Kappa Epsilon at Middlebury, he served in the Army Reserve after graduation. Joining his family's automobile business, he was the owner and president of Goodwin Motor Corp., which he developed and expanded until retirement. He is survived by wife Rosalie (Weisberg), daughters Courtney, Rebecca, and Ashley, and one granddaughter.

62 **Susan Ten Broeck Kendall**, 74, of O'Hara Township, Pa., on April 24, 2015. At Middlebury she was in Delta Delta Delta. Graduating with a degree in math, she worked as a researcher in the space science dept. of General Electric. She was an active member in various social, civic, church, and volunteer organizations. Predeceased by husband Wallace, she is survived by daughter Lucia, MA English '95, son Clint, and five grandchildren.

70 **Jeffrey H. Taylor**, 67, of Hopkinton, N.H., on April 7, 2015. A Zeta Psi at Middlebury, he served as a lieutenant, junior grade, in the Coast Guard after graduation. With a master's in regional planning from Cornell Univ., his career was in community development, overseeing the development and preservation challenges of New Hampshire communities, particularly after being appointed state planning director. He is survived by wife Dijit (Tripp) '69 and daughters Hannah '02, Bethany, and Emily.

79 **Jeffrey R. Jonathan**, 58, of Guilford, Conn., on March 16, 2015. After teaching at Hamden Hall School, he spent many years as the director of the camp program at Camp Treetops near Lake Placid, N.Y. With a master's from Columbia Univ., he became the headmaster of Cold Spring School in New Haven, Conn., where he stayed until retiring in 2011. Predeceased by wife Julie (Taft), he is survived by daughters Eliza, Sarah, and AJ.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS FACULTY

Roland Monod, 86, of Paris, France, on July 7, 2015. He taught contemporary French theater and headed the performance program at the French School from 1965–1968, acting in and directing three to four productions each summer. His career as actor, director, teacher, and arts administrator spanned six decades in film, television, and theater. From 2001 to 2009 he was president of the *Association Jean Vilar,* an integral part of the Maison Jean Vilar in Avignon. He is survived by wife Hélène (Aligier).

STAFF

Genevieve Baldwin, 98, of Middlebury, Vt., on October 23, 2015. After working for General Electric, she began her career at the College in January 1965 as an assistant in the College store and retired in December 1978. In retirement she volunteered at Porter Medical Center and Round Robin Thrift Shop. Predeceased by husband Lee, sons James and Joseph, and grandson Billy, she is survived by daughter Annette Cole, son William, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joseph J. Morrone, 79, of Mansfield, Conn., on September 16, 2015. After graduating from the Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst, he began his coaching career at the College in 1958. His 11-year record at Middlebury was 64-21-11 in soccer and lacrosse, including a New England Championship and two NCAA Tournament appearances. In 1969, he began coaching at the Univ. of Connecticut, leading the men's soccer team to the 1981 national title. Retiring in 1996, he became an associate professor in the Dept. of Kinesiology. He was inducted into the National Soccer Coaches Assoc. of America Hall of Fame in 2002. Predeceased by wife Elizabeth, he is survived by sons Joe and Bill, daughter Melissa, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Patricia R. Peters, 50, of Middlebury, Vt., on October 24, 2015. She began working at the College in December 2006 as a cook in Atwater Commons. In 2015 she earned her MBA from Southern New Hampshire Univ. She is survived by wife Val Boni, daughters Cassandra, Katie May, and Crystal, and seven grandchildren.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

50 **Barbara Hendrian**, 96, MA French, of Goshen, Conn., on February 26, 2015. During WWII she served as a member of the Red Cross in Italy and Germany. She did research work for the CIA and was an associate professor at Western Maryland College.

52 **Robert H. Price**, 88, MA French, of Huntsville, Texas, on January 6, 2015. His teaching career spanned almost 40 years and included positions in France and at various universities in the U.S. In 1966 he was decorated by the French Government as a Chevalier in the Order of the Academic Palms.

53 **Francesca Gobbi Stone**, 88, MA French, of Bethesda, Md., on February 6, 2015. She was a personal interpreter in French-speaking Africa for the Peace Corps, performed translation services at the UN, and served as a personnel officer for the World Bank for many years.

56 **St. Claire Hayden D'Wolf**, 85, MA French, of Wilmington, Del., on January 2, 2015. She taught French to elementary school students in Shreveport, La., and at Shepherd Knapp Academy in Boylston, Mass.

61 **Suzanne Schmitt Goodling**, 80, MA Spanish, of Lititz, Pa., on March 8, 2015. For 35 years she taught modern languages at Elizabethtown College.

63 **Louis J. Celona**, 82, MA Italian, of Boston, Mass., on January 11, 2015. With his MM from the New England Conservatory of Music, he was a retired professor of music at Worcester State Univ.

66 **Peter R. Perkins**, 83, MA French, of Yarmouth, Maine, on January 5, 2015. He served in the Navy on an aircraft carrier from 1952–56. He was a church organist at several churches and for over a decade he taught French at several New England independent schools, including North Yarmouth Academy.

73 **Klara Schmude Welsh**, 94, DML French, of Berea, Ky., on March 1, 2015. With a career in academics, she taught French at Berea College for many years.

Donald B. Wodock, 82, MA English, of Lancaster, Pa., on January 6, 2015. He was the athletic director, assistant coach, and taught English for 20 years at California Univ. of Pennsylvania, retiring in 1986.

85 **Michele A. Lagorio**, 61, MA French, of Pisa, Italy, on February 18, 2015. She was an elementary school teacher at the American School of Paris from 1981 to 2014.

86 **Elfriede Weber Smith**, 73, MA German, of Madison, N.J., on January 1, 2015. For many years she taught German at Drew Univ.

Kiliaen V.R. Townsend, 56, MA English, of Lookout Mountain, Ga., on January 12, 2015. He was a longtime English teacher and coach at St. Marks School and at Baylor School.

02 **Joel W. Taplin**, 42, MA English, of Winchendon, Mass., on January 7, 2015. He was the director of teaching at the Beijing Institute of Technology, Zhuhai College of International Education.

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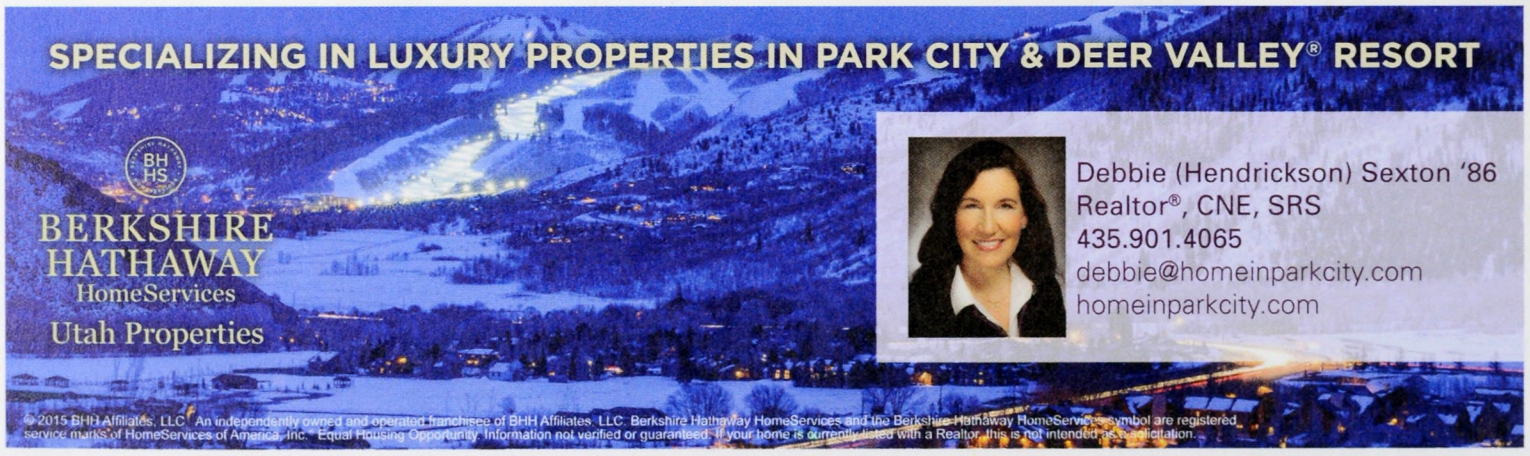
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By Bob Gulla '83

Whose App?

I knew I was in trouble the first time someone asked me about my son's college plans, and I said, "We're applying to ..." ¶ Not "he" but "we," as if we were on the buddy system. I was mortified, but knew it wasn't a slip of the tongue. I *was* thinking about the process as a joint exercise. Not only that, I realized I was trying to tilt the field.

I loved my experience at Middlebury, and as time passes, my memories only grow fonder. My college years become idyllic, the edges smoothed over like ocean stones. Those treacherous February walks from the library to the new dorms? A winter wonderland! That rural isolation? More like a peaceful retreat from the din of the city!

So when it was time for us—I mean *him*—to look at schools, Middlebury deserved a place on or near the top of our—*his*—list.

I began telling random Middlebury stories, some of which I recalled vividly, others I made up as I went along. They were wacky. They were moving. They were *defining*. But most of them just earned blank guess-you-had-to-be-there looks from my family.

Still, despite the cool reception from my family, I didn't relent as the application process got underway.

Common App? *Check*. Essay? *Check*. Contacting the soccer coach? *Check*. Getting decent grades first semester? *Check*.

Early decision? Early action? Early decision II? Anxiety began to creep in. We had to get this done—and done right.

"Dad, you've got to relax," my son said as we revised his essay for the seventh time. "My friends aren't going through this. Why are you getting all crazy?"

His frustration meant it was time for me to back off.

Still, despite my best attempts to play it cool, each step in the process drew me in further. Memories of my college life grew stronger. Names of classmates popped into my head at unexpected times. I began to wonder what I would've done differently if given the chance to do it again.

Maybe, I thought, if my son attended I could make a few return appearances! That led me further into fantasy. I thought about the times my parents visited me at school and the Vermont-y things we did. I thought about the restaurants we went to, the country roads we'd driven along. I could do it all over again, only this time I'd be in the driver's seat. (The fact that I was envisioning myself in the driver's seat exposes further how I had abducted his role in this process.)

But more than anything, I just wanted him to have what I had: the thrills, the laughs, the joys, the challenges. They were all within reach—the intriguing people, the brilliant professors, the bracing air. The whole process had become like watching your favorite movie with someone who hasn't seen it yet. You want this person to see it the way you've seen it, watch it the way you watch it, and love it the way you love it. And at the end, you want this person to feel it's his favorite movie too.

And then one morning, I woke up and realized his eyes needed to see the movie his way. In fact, this is his movie, his starring role. And he has to form his own opinion of that role, his feet finding their own way—to Middlebury . . . or wherever he feels is best. I guess my own education hadn't ended after all. M

Bob Gulla's son has applied to a handful of colleges, Middlebury included. Bob admits that while he still has a favorite school, he will be happy wherever his son decides to go.

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